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HONGKONG HOTEL FIRE.

THE LOW WATER PRESSURE EXPLAINED.

"BUSINESS AS USUAL."

Despite the handicap caused by the disastrous fire of New Year's Day, the Hongkong Hotel is observing "Business as usual" as its slogan.

It is now clear that by the time the Fire Brigade was summoned the outbreak had assumed serious dimensions on the top floor. With regard to the low water pressure, the need for special pump equipment in high buildings is stressed, reliance on street mains being unwise.

The great fire at the Hongkong Hotel still remains, and will remain for some days to come, the main topic of local interest. Now that the excitement of the actual happening has passed off, it is possible to collect the authentic facts of the affair.

It must largely remain a matter of conjecture as regards the origin of fire, although it is clearly established that it started in the lift shaft. It was some little time after eight o'clock that the first signs of fire were noticed on the ground floor level, and the outbreak was subdued, in the opinion of the employees who attacked it. But, meanwhile it had ascended the shaft and had started a serious fire on the top floor. It was not until 9.08 a.m.—after the fire was well established on the top floor, that the Fire Brigade was called, two calls being received simultaneously, one by street alarm and one by telephone. No. 6 fire appliance was sent, followed by No. 11, and a district call brought in the appliances from Wan Chai and Kennedy Town and the fire floats. There can be no possible fault found with the work of the Brigade, because there was a serious fire on top floor of the hotel by the time it was called to the scene.

THE WATER PRESSURE.
Regarding the absence of water pressure in the Hotel's fire hydrants, a Telegraph representative has been making enquiries, and learns that the mains in Pedder Street, by which the fire hydrants are fed, are usually kept at about 65 lbs. to 70 lbs. pressure, so that even if the pressure had been at its height there would, at all times, have been but small pressure on the fifth floor of the hotel—where the water was most needed. Assuming that the height of the top floor is about 100 feet, there is a drop of 50 lbs. pressure by the time the water reaches that height, because there is a drop of 1 lb. pressure for every two feet up. Taking off a further 10 lbs. pressure for pipe friction, etc., there would only be a pressure of about 15 lbs. on the fifth floor even though the pressure in the street mains was at the full. When people on the second, third, and fourth floors were tapping the supply at the same time, it was inevitable that at the fifth floor there would be no water.

It has been technically explained to us that it is no use putting fire fighting equipment in a building and relying on street mains pressure unless the known pressure in the particular street is sufficient to give 50 lbs. at the top of the building, after allowing for the decrease which comes because of height and friction. Each high building ought to have associated with its fire pipes and hose, a special pump which will ensure 50 lbs. pressure on the top floor, because the pressure in street mains generally is not sufficient to give it. Otherwise it is only when a fire engulfs and runs out its hose and gets to work that a fire at the top of a building can be effectively combatted.

In the case of the Hotel, there was reliance on mains pressure and that pressure was insufficient. With so high a building, a fire in the roof—always the hardest to fight in any building—was extremely difficult to get at quickly on the part of the Fire Brigade, but when the hoses were run and in position, the appliances proved efficient to pump a good quantity of water.

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WHITE GLOVES.

PRESENTATION AT POLICE COURT.

On Wednesday last, there were no new cases down for hearing before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, and as this constituted a unique event in the history of the Colony, it was decided to present Mr. Lindsell with pair of white gloves.

The presentation was made by the Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., this morning. He said:—"If I may be allowed to interrupt, I wish to congratulate you. I think last Wednesday there was not a single case in this Court not even a hawker. I think this event is probably absolutely unique in the annals of the Colony. We all hope, for the good of the Colony and the neighbouring provinces, that the present state of affairs may soon come to an end, and normal communication be restored. Yet, from the purely police point of view, we should like the present conditions to remain as they are. I have now much pleasure in handing to you this pair of white gloves to mark the occasion."

Mr. Leo D'Almada said, as the only solicitor in Court he wished to associate himself with Mr. Wodehouse's remarks. He congratulated Mr. Lindsell on behalf of the profession.

In replying Mr. Lindsell said:—"I thank you for this interesting token of recognition for an event, which, I agree with you, is, so far as I know, quite unique. At the same time, I think it is rather you and your force that should be thanked. I thank you."

FIREMAN'S DEATH.

FATAL FALL AT WAN CHAI.

A fatal accident befell a Chinese member of the Hongkong Fire Brigade at Wan Chai. It appears that the man, whose name is Wong San, living at 4 Irving Street, and who only recently joined the brigade, was on a hook ladder on a structure for drying hose at the Wan Chai Fire Brigade station, when the ladder swayed, and the man fell to the ground, a distance of forty feet. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where he later succumbed.

BULGARIAN CABINET.

RESIGNATION ANNOUNCED.

Sofia, Jan. 3.—The Zankoff Cabinet, which has long been in a precarious position, resigned to-day. Reuter.

pictures appearing elsewhere in this issue to-day, the two bottom pictures on the page are by Ming Yuen, and the remainder by Messrs Cheung.

COMPANY'S TRIBUTE.

Mr. W. J. Hawker, Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., writes us under today's date as follows:—"I beg you to be so kind as to permit me on behalf of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., to give expression in your columns to the thanks of this Company for the splendid services rendered by so many willing helpers during the fire that occurred in the Hongkong Hotel on the 1st instant.

The Fire Brigade, the Police, the Navy, the Army, Government, officials, Hospital and Ambulance services, Boy Scouts—all were represented, and everybody worked strenuously at the task of overcoming the fire. Had such assistance not been readily forthcoming, there is no doubt but that the results of the outbreak, serious as they are, would have been terrible in the extreme. It is with the deepest sympathy that the death of one heroic helper has to be recorded, and no words can express our heartfelt regret for the loss of the gallant seaman. To all who so generously assisted in the time of trouble, the Company is deeply indebted and sincerely grateful."

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CANTON ARMY.

BIG NEW YEAR'S DAY REVIEW.

GEN. CHANG PRESENT

General Chang Kai-shek arrived at Whampoa on the last day of the year, and paid a short visit to the Military Academy. Later in the day he went up to Canton, making his landing privately. Consequently no demonstration of any kind took place. On the following morning, at an early hour he proceeded to Government House to present his New Year greetings and respects to the Committee of Political Affairs, and afterwards he took part in the grand review of the troops on the East Parade Ground.

This review of troops was the biggest ever seen in Canton. Over two hundred civil and military officers and more than 20,000 troops took part. Among the civil officials present the most prominent were Messrs. Wang Ching-wei, Chan Kung-pok, Kum Kai-feng, and C. C. Wu, whilst the military officers included Generals Chang Kai-shek, Tan Yen-kai, Che Pui-teh, Chan Ming-she, Wong Kang-mow, Li Fook-lun and others. General Chu Pui-teh was the General Officer Commanding.

After the inspection Mr. Wang Ching-wei and M. Borodin addressed the rank and file and complimented the troops on their smart appearance. They also thanked, on behalf of the Government, both officers and men for the many deeds of valour performed during the recent operations in the west, west, and south, and south sectors.

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STRIKE DELEGATES.

FIVE RETURN TO HONGKONG.

Five out of the six representatives of the Hongkong merchants who went up to Canton on Thursday last, returned to Hongkong on Saturday by the s.s. Lung Shan.

On the same day, at 8 o'clock in the evening, the s.s. Paul Bean brought back 190 of the Fraternity Party. The remainder have obtained special permission from the Strike Union to remain in Canton and they will return later on.

SYRIAN PEACE.

FRENCH COMMISSIONER'S ADVICE.

Paris, Jan. 2.—Aeroplanes yesterday dropped a proclamation from M. de Jouvenel, the Prince George took some part in the organisation of the naval branch of the fire-fighting services. On the previous day the same person listening in picked up the Rugby broadcast of the New Year Honours giving the news of the knighthoods conferred on His Excellency the Governor and on Sir Charles G. Grey.

SHANGHAI TRAGEDY.

BRITISHER SHOOTS HIMSELF.

"Oh! I'm fed up!"

These are the last words attributed to Wallace Powell, a British employee of S. J. David and Co., Ltd., who rose from his dinner table on Christmas Eve, walked across to a cabinet, and shot himself, dying on Christmas Day in the Shanghai General Hospital says the *Shanghai Times*.

The tragedy occurred at the Burlington Hotel, Bubbling Well Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Powell were dining together in their room.

During the course of the meal, it appears, deceased had some difficulty with the servants, but there was no indication that he was about to take the grave step he did.

The Bubbling Well police station was immediately informed of the affair, and Insp. Foley, Det. Sub-Inspect. W. J. McDermott and other officers went to investigate, arriving at the Hotel at about 9 a.m. They found Powell lying unconscious. There was a bullet wound on one side of the head, the shot going right through and passing out at the other side. The bullet was found embedded in a wall. By the side of the man was a fully loaded revolver but for the shot which ended his life.

Mr. Powell was removed at once to the General Hospital, and at first it was thought he would recover. He died, however, on Christmas morning.

On December 26th, Mr. G. W. Kidde attended the hospital mortuary and opened an inquest on the body. Only evidence of identification was taken.

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The ceremony took place on Christmas Day aboard the s.s. President Jefferson, when the vessel was one day's journey from Shanghai, on her way to Hongkong. The master of the vessel was one of the crew.

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THE AHERLEY TRIAL.

PRISONER'S TRANSACTIONS WITH SHARE BROKERS.

BOTTOMLEY CASE QUOTED.

The trial of Mr. J. E. Aherley, ex-manager of Messrs. Gotz Brothers and Co. (of the Orient) Ltd., commenced at the Criminal Sessions before Sir Henry Gollan this morning.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin who is conducting the case for the prosecution, made lengthy opening detailing Aherley's transactions with sharebrokers in 1924, and pointing out the coincidences of payment into his own account of sums exactly similar to those he received from his compradore on behalf of his firm.

Company here.

One of the prime duties of the compradore, under his agreement, was to collect from various debtors sums which were due to Getz Bros. in respect of goods ordered.

In addition to that the compradore had another obligation: It was part of his duty to pay over all such monies received to him and whenever he received, and it was part of his duty also to keep full accounts of monies received both in Chinese and English books.

He had to produce these books for the inspection of Mr. Aherley, because the latter was the sole representative of Getz Bros. and his voice in all matters was the voice of the Company, the head office of which was in California.

Counsel next dealt with the routine as carried on while the accused was in control of the Hongkong branch. He detailed the process, which in brief, consisted of a system of promissory notes required from all the Chinese dealers for their respective shares in a consignment of goods imported on their orders from the Head Office of Getz Brothers in California.

By this means, a complete check could be made of all the goods ordered, so that when the Head Office drew upon its branch for the amount of each consignment, the names as well as the amounts which collectively made up the consignment could be instantly traced by this universal system of promissory notes.

The obligation fell upon the compradore and his department of collecting on these promissory notes and entering them in his books when he received the amounts and of reporting such amounts to the Manager by filling a document which would be referred to constantly in the case and would be known as the "deposit slip."

This deposit slip would contain the names of the dealers and the amounts received from them, in both gold and Mexican currency, according to the nature of the amounts. They could trace by this slip, also, both receipts and payments into the Bank.

These same particulars also figured in the paying-in book when deposits were made into the Chartered Bank, who were the Company's bankers. They would thus show the sums received by the Company in the course of the day's business.

In the ordinary course, the monies received would be paid into the Bank by the compradore's staff and would correspond to the total sums received from dealers in the course of each day.

AN IMPORTANT DATE.

The second point dealt with by counsel, after the matter of office routine, was that of dates which counsel commented on as one possessing great significance:

March 24th, 1924, counsel said, was one of great significance in the case.

On March 24th, 1924, Mr. Aherley opened a private account in his own name and in another bank, the International Bank.

March 24th, 1924, was also the eve of the March Settlement Day of the Local Share Exchange.

On March 24th, 1924, the office routine of the local branch of Getz Bros. was changed in a very radical manner under the instructions of Mr. Aherley.

On March 24th, 1924, for the first time, the monies in the Company, instead of going into the Chartered Bank to

be used for the importation into the Colony of various well-known brands of tinned provisions and foods.

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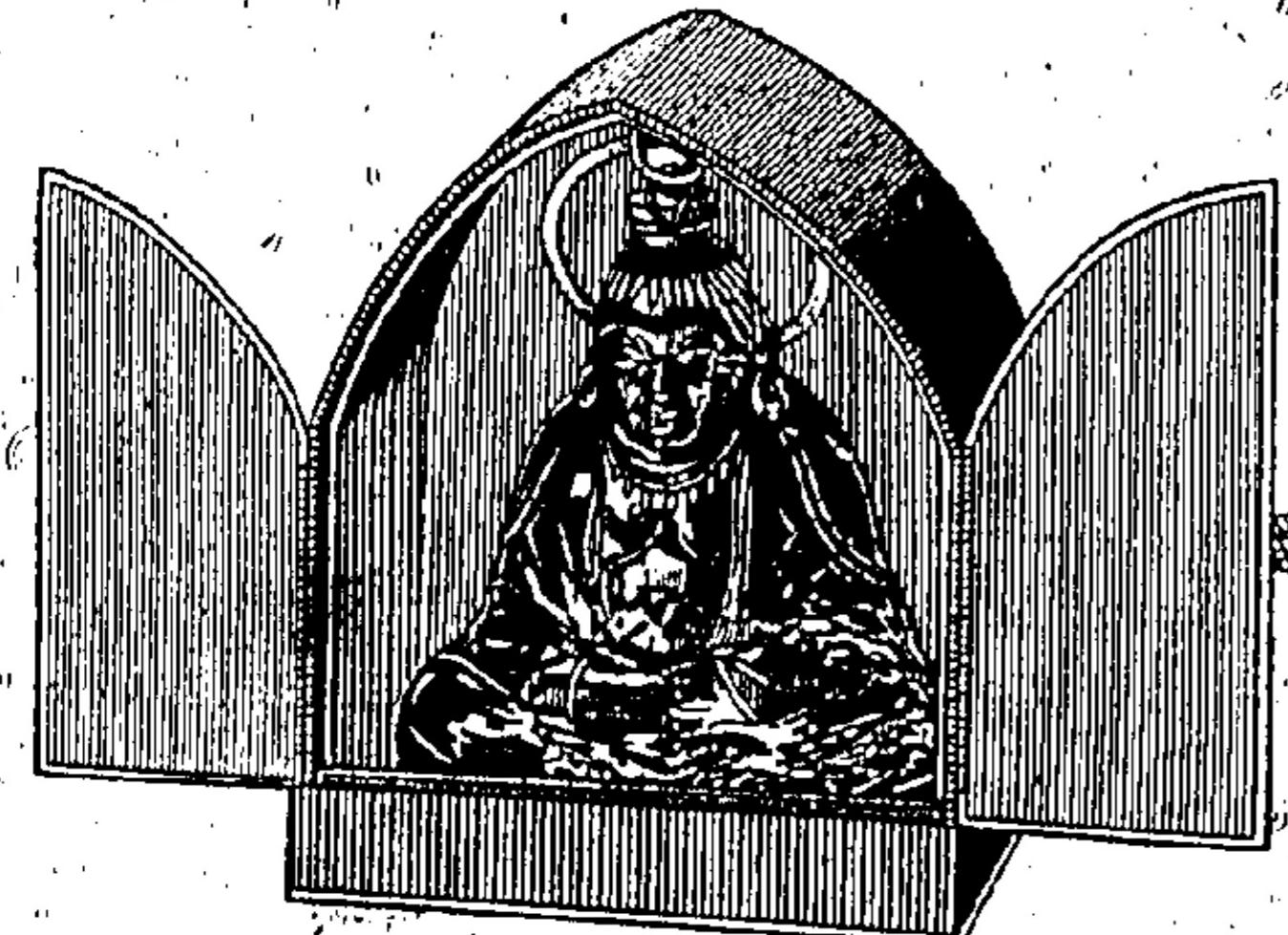
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A. B. BATCHELOR'S DEATH.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S FUNERAL.

Largely Attended Ceremony.

That the heroism of Able Seaman E. E. Batchelor, who was among the detachment of naval ratings dispatched from the H.M.S. Hawking to assist in extinguishing the Hongkong Hotel fire, should be followed by his death under tragic circumstances, will be regretted by his comrades and the whole community.

The circumstances surrounding his fatal fall from the building, are described elsewhere. It was exceedingly sad that he should have met his death after only being discharged from hospital the previous day, where he had been confined with slight injuries received during the course of boxing. Besides being a clever exponent of the noble art, the deceased excelled at football, being a member of the Hawkins' team.

"Unmarried, Batchelor was a native of London and had previously seen service on the Chinna Station. He was 28 years old and leaves a sister to mourn his demise.

The injuries sustained included fractures to both legs and wrists and other minor abrasions on the head. Late on Friday night, Batchelor underwent an operation, but succumbed to his injuries at 4 o'clock the following morning.

A full naval funeral was accorded the deceased, whose remains were laid to rest yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley. The coffin was draped in the Union Jack and left the Naval Hospital followed by mourners from the Hawkins. The cortege was preceded by the band from the flagship, which also provided the firing party.

The Rev. Scott (Chaplain, H.M.S. Hawkins) and Rev. Hamilton (Chaplain, H.M.S. Titania) jointly officiated.

There was a large attendance of Naval officers and many civilians. Among those attending were Capt. W. J. C. Lake (Chief of Staff), Pay Comd. A. C. Roe, Comdr. Gunner H. F. Bissett, Lieut. Comdr. C. W. Bower, D. M. O. Lient. Edmondstone, and Comdr. W. Pott (officers of the H. M. S. Hawkins), the Hon. Mr. H. H. Holyoak and Miss Dorothy Holyoak, Comdr. Williams, R. N., Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. M. F. Key (representing the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce), Mr. P. Condon (representing the Hongkong Fire Brigade), Mr. G. Saunders (representing the Kowloon Fire Brigade), Mr. May and Mr. W. E. Hollands (representing the Hongkong Football Association), members of the crews of the various ships in port, members of various local Clubs, and many others.

The Wreaths.

There was a large number of floral tributes sent, among them the following: His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.); and Lady Clementi, Vice Admiral Sir E. S. Alexander Sinclair, K.C.B., M.V.O. (Commander-in-chief of the China Station), Capt. Lake, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. J. H. Taggart (managing Director of the Hotels Company), W. J. Hawker (Manager of the Hotels Company), "A Sorrowful Spectator," Mr. and Mrs. G. Morrison, Capt. Brewer and W. T. Hayle, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Inspector Blake (Sanitary Department).

The Torpedo Men of H.M.S. Hawkins, Commissioned Warrant and Warrant Officers, Gunnery Officers, Wardroom Officers, his

CHINA'S CUSTOMS REVENUE.

1925 SHOWS SMALL INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR.

Debt Payment One Year in Arrear.

Peking, Jan. 2.—The Maritime Customs revenue for 1925 amounts, in round figures, to \$69,865,000, an increase of \$270,000 as compared with 1924. The sterling equivalent of the 1925 collection, at an average exchange of 8s. 5½d. approximates £12,190,000 compared with £12,741,000 in 1924 at an average exchange of 7s. 15½d.

The principal increase was in Tientsin and Chinwangtiao, \$1,536,000, and the principal decrease in Shanghai, \$1,534,000. The total collection in Shanghai was \$26,023,000.

The 1925 revenue from the native Customs under the Inspector General's control amounts to \$4,740,000, equalling \$328,000 at an average exchange of 3s. 5½d., an increase of \$494,700.

All foreign loans and indemnity obligations secured by the Customs revenue, including the services of the Re-organisation Loan, have been met or covered in full. All domestic loan obligations, of which the loan service is under the management of the Inspector General are also met in full. It is to be noted, however, that the redemption of payments of the consolidated debt, one year in arrear of schedule.—Reuter.

PEACE FOR CHINA?

PEKING CONFERENCE PROPOSED.

Peking, Jan. 2.—The Government is reported contemplating the convening at Peking of a conference to which the principal militarists will be invited to send delegates, including Chang Tao-lin and Wu Pei-fu.—Reuter.

Messmates, Forecastle Messdeck, Stokers, Cooks, the Quartermasters, Chief Stokers and Mechanics Mess, Petty Officers 44 Mess; Ships' Petty Officers, the Artificers' Mess, Ships' Company Marine Detachment, and Bands; Chief Petty Officer's Mess, his Topmen of No. 8 Mess, his Topmastes of No. 10 Mess, 54 and 55 Messes, from Old Shipmates No. 6 Mess.

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Fire Insurance Company, President and Members of the Wayfaring Mess, Members of the Hongkong Football Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Royal Naval Yard Police, Dockyard Recreation Club, Police Recreation Club, Garrison Recreation Club, European Members of the Fire Brigade, Yaumati Police Station, the Sick-Berth Staff of the Royal Naval Hospital and the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong bearing the epithet "To One of Britain's Heroes."

BRITISH MISSION TO CHINA.

ALLOCATION OF BOXER INDEMNITY.

Lord Willingdon to Head Delegation.

London, Jan. 2.—The Daily News understands that the British Commission foreshadowed a few months ago by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, will shortly proceed to China to confer with the Chinese authorities regarding the allocation of the balance of the Boxer indemnity. Lord Willingdon is mentioned at head of the delegation.—Reuter.

[Lord Willingdon has been Governor of Bombay and of Madras, relinquishing the latter post in 1924. He is a Lord in Waiting to the King and is a keen sportsman.]

London, Jan. 3.—The Sunday Times says that in addition to Lord Willingdon the Reverend W. E. Soothill and Dame Adelaide Anderson are invited to join the mission to China.—Reuter.

[The Reverend William Soothill, M.A., F.R.G.S., is professor of Chinese at Oxford University. He was born at Halifax in 1861. He was for some time a missionary of the United Methodist Church at Wenchow. Between 1882 and 1907 he founded over 200 stations and established a hospital, a college and several schools. He compiled the Wenchow Romanised system. From 1907 to 1911 he was president of the Imperial University of Shansi province. He was a director of Y.M.C.A. work during the war. Among his decorations are the 2nd rank Red Button and 3rd rank Order of Wenhui. He is also a great writer on Chinese affairs, among his books being *The Three Religions of China*, *The Analects of Confucius*, *A Mission in China*, *The Students' Pocket Dictionary*, *Bibliography of Confucianism*, *Taoism* and *Buddhism*, and his last in 1924, *Timothy Richards of China*. He also translated the New Testament into Wenchowese.

Adelaide Mary Anderson, D.L.E.C.R.E., was H.M. Principal Lady Inspector of factories from 1897 to 1921. She was born in Melbourne in 1863. She studied in France and Germany, and won the Gamble gold medal at the Girton college in 1893. She was lecturer to the Woman's Co-operative Guild and member of the Educational Council Union from 1889 to 1892. She has written extensively on labour problems for the *Journal of Comparative Legislation*, the *Economic Journal* and the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and other papers.

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As a result of experiments in substituting the wood of eucalyptus for spruce as a material for making newsprint paper, the University of Wisconsin has made paper from eucalyptus grown at São Paulo, Brazil, which is said to have excellent printing quality and to be strong enough to be used on high speed presses.

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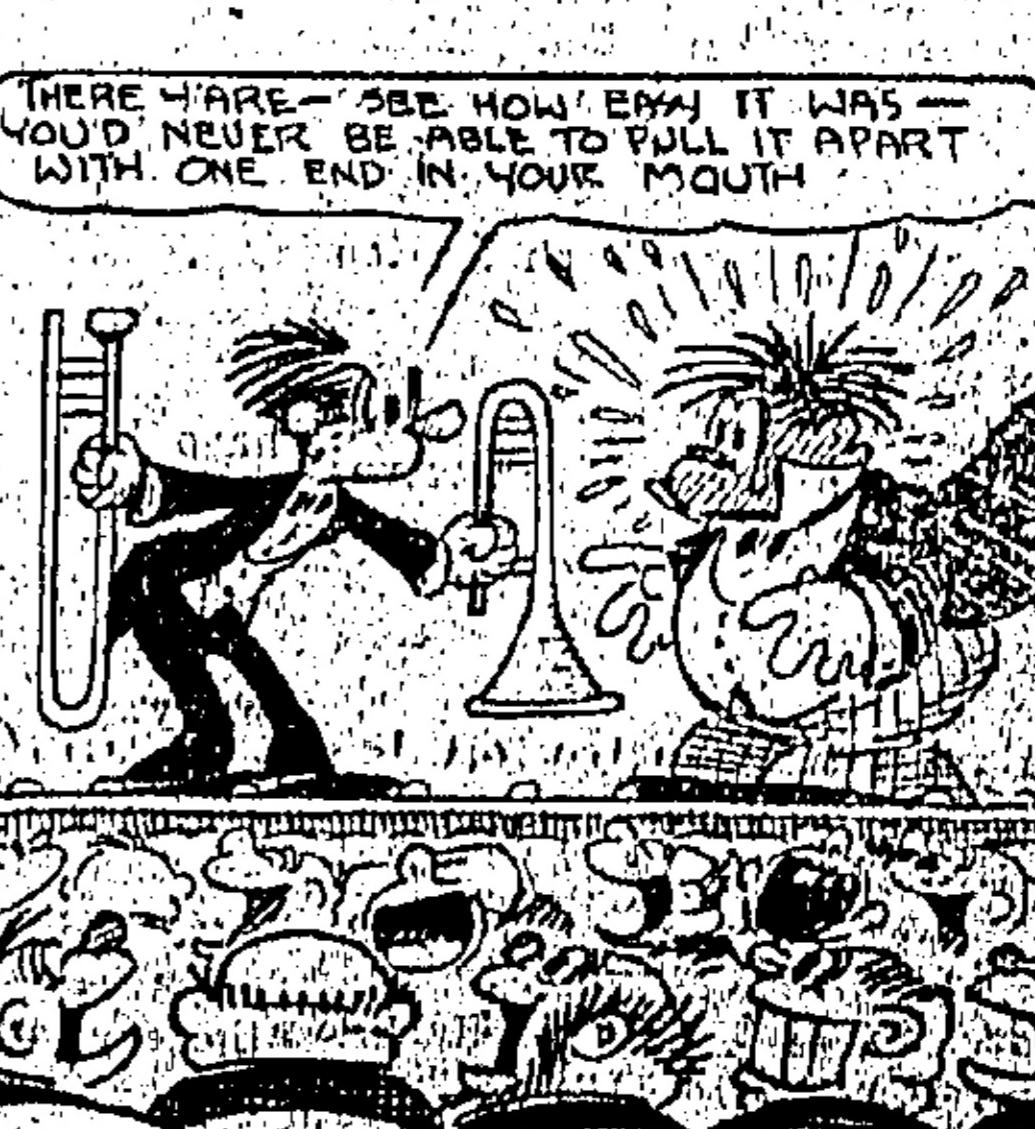
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31st December, 1925.**NOTICE.**

The Kowloon Cricket Club Dance.

Members are reminded that the Second Dance of the Season is to be held on Friday, the 8th inst., as previously arranged. Dancing to commence at 8.30 p.m. on the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden.

Tickets may be had on application to the undersigned.

S. F. GREEN,
Hon. Secretary.**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that Mr. ALAN LAWSON BARTON is authorised to sign our firm's pre-arrangement as from January 1st, 1926.

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FATAL MOTOR MISHAP.**POLICE COURT SEQUEL.**

When a Chinese motor cleaner was backsliding a car on the Praya East on December 12th, the car knocked down a Chinese, injuring him in the left ankle. The cleaner took the injured man to a chemist, bought him some Chinese medicine, and gave him some money. The injured man subsequently went to hospital and died four days later. The cleaner did not make any report of the accident, either to his employer or the police, and he was summoned to the Central Police Court this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindell for failing to report the accident. Defendant admitted the offence, and was fined \$50.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

The Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Wing Yue Tseng to sell by Public Auction for account of Messrs. Him Yuen Cheung Kee on

Wednesday, the 6th January 1926 at 11.30 a.m.
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THE LONGITUDE OF HONGKONG.**HOW RECENT ERROR WAS DETECTED.**

In the Hongkong Government Gazette of December 4th, appeared the following notification:

"It is hereby notified that from 1st January, 1926, the adopted longitude of the Royal Observatory Hongkong, will be 78° 36m. 41.25s. East of Greenwich, in place of 78° 36m. 14.86s., which observations of the Pardeau rhythmic time signals have shown to be wrong."

Like many official notifications, this is extremely brief, and enquiries at the Royal Observatory have produced the following statement:

The significance of the notice in question was probably lost except

to mariners, the sole comment in the local press being to the effect that the geographical position of Hongkong was 61 miles in error. The error in the position of the Royal Observatory on this account is actually about 260 yards, and the effect is that the timekeeping at the Observatory has been six-tenths of a second too slow since its inception. For all but methods of extreme accuracy, this error is negligible, but some account of the means by which this relatively small fraction of the earth's circumference was determined may be of more than passing interest, illustrating, as it does, an application of radio telegraphy.

The longitude of a place is ascertained by determining the difference of local time at Greenwich and the place *at the same instant*. This somewhat paradoxical statement is understood when it is remembered that local time depends on the observation of astronomical phenomena produced by the earth's rotation on its axis, and such phenomena occur six hours earlier or later at a place "A" compared with another place "B" according as the meridian of "A" is one quarter of the earth's circumference east or west of the meridian of "B".

Longitude has been progressively determined by the observation of the moon's apparent position with reference to the stars, the transportation of chronometers, and the exchange of telegraphic signals. The latter is infinitely the most accurate method, but its utility is limited owing to the difficulty of obtaining direct communication by telegraph over great distances. During recent years these limitations have practically disappeared by the utilization of radio-telegraphy: the signals of powerful transmitting stations can be heard under favourable circumstances by all well-equipped stations on the earth's surface, and it is thus comparatively easy to ascertain the time at far distant places. Greenwich time is now broadcast from many places having facilities for its determination, and the problem of ascertaining the longitude at sea has been simplified for vessels possessing wireless installations, in that a complete check can be kept on chronometer errors and rates.

Doubts as to the accuracy of the longitude of Hongkong were caused by the observations of the wireless time signals emitted by other observatories of the Far East, which showed that Hongkong was consistently slow. To date it has not been possible to discover the means by which the longitude was originally determined: the almanacs state that it was made by Commander Green, of the U. S. Navy, presumably about 1884, the method used may have been the transport of chronometers or the exchange of telegraphic signals between Hongkong and another port, and whatever the accuracy of the methods may have been, the result would still have liable to error if any error was present in the longitude of the reference station.

A method of determining longitude by direct reference to Greenwich is obviously the observation of the same radio signal by Hongkong and Greenwich. The difference between the accurately determined local time of emission of the signal by Greenwich and Hongkong is, of course, the actual longitude of Hongkong, the zero meridian being that of Greenwich, by international agreements.

The continued improvements in the radio receiving set of the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, eventually made it possible to observe the time signals emitted by the powerful station of Bordeaux in France. It was known that this station was regularly received and recorded at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, and enquiry elicited the fact that signals had been simultaneously observed by both observatories on about 12 occasions. A comparison with the Greenwich times, supplied by courtesy of the Astronomer Royal, has conclusively shown the error mentioned in the Government notification. The determination is of an accuracy much superior to that of any previous determination.

The results have been utilized by accelerating the clocks of the Royal Observatory by 0.61 sec., since midnight, 31st Dec.-1st Jan., the first intimation to the public being given by the time ball at 10 a.m. on January 1st.

A seven passenger twin-engine flying boat, which it is said will revolutionize the aerial fire fighting methods employed by the Government protective patrols, is being tested at the Dominion Government Aerodrome at South Maran near Ottawa. If satisfactory it will be flown to Manitoba where it will take on fire preventive duties in one of the most important forest areas.

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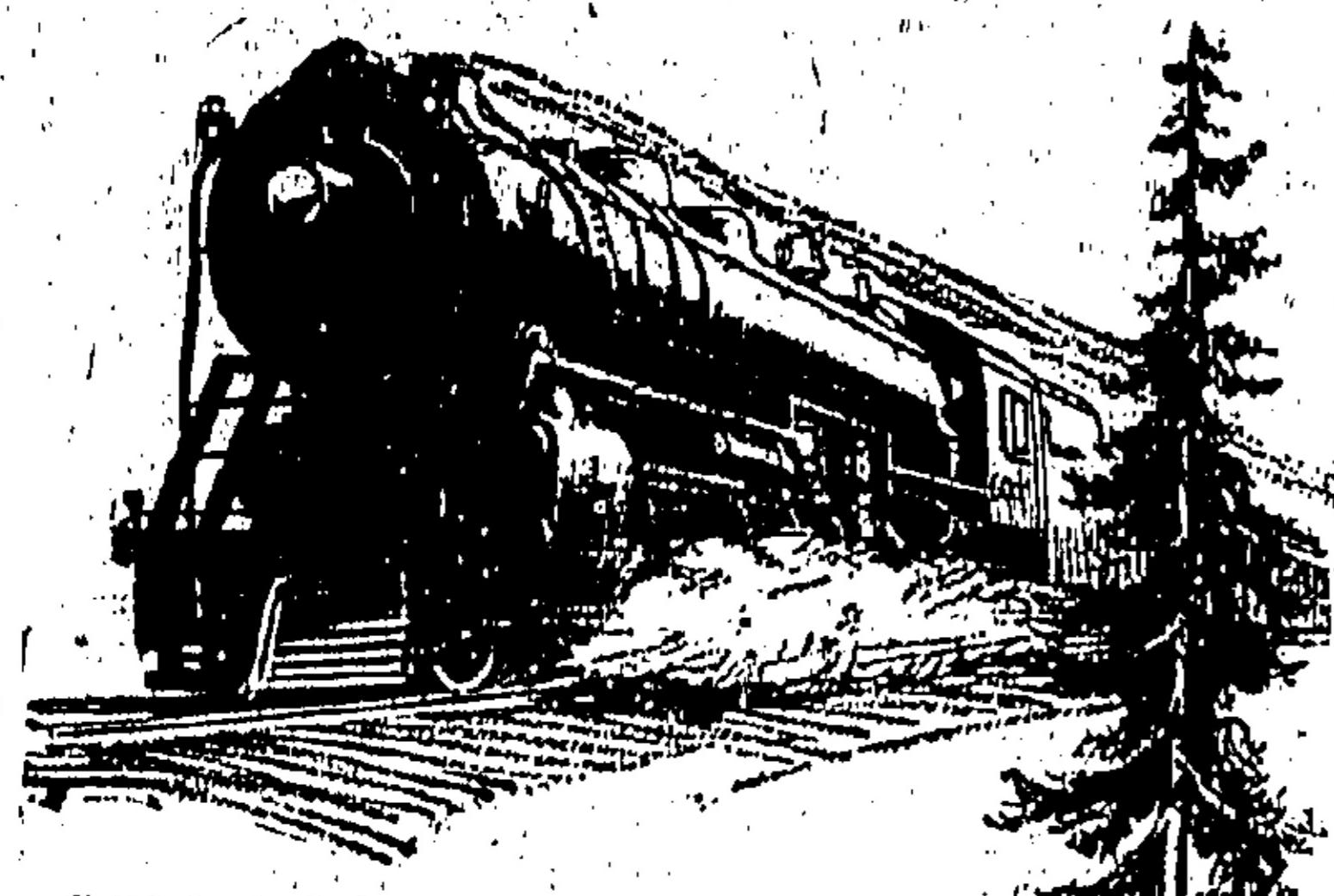
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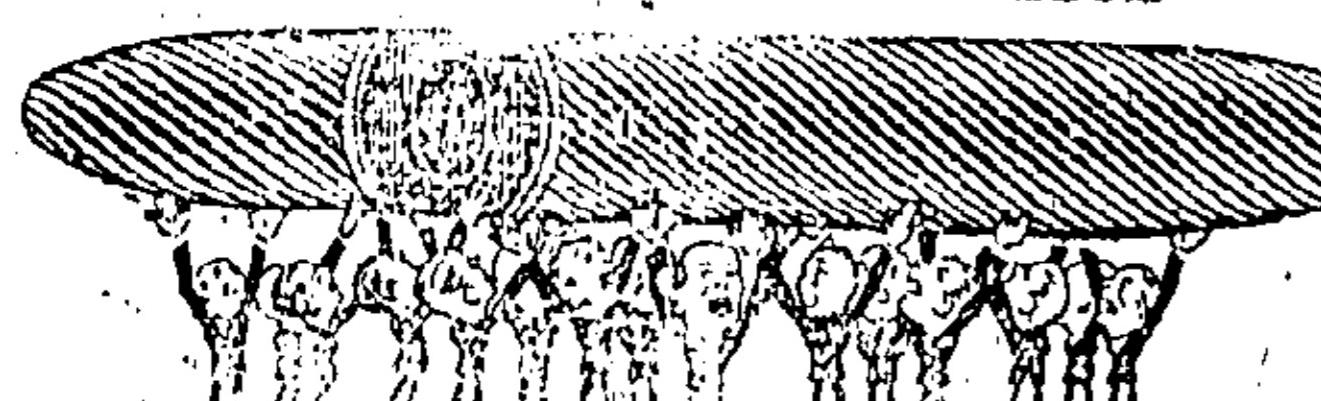
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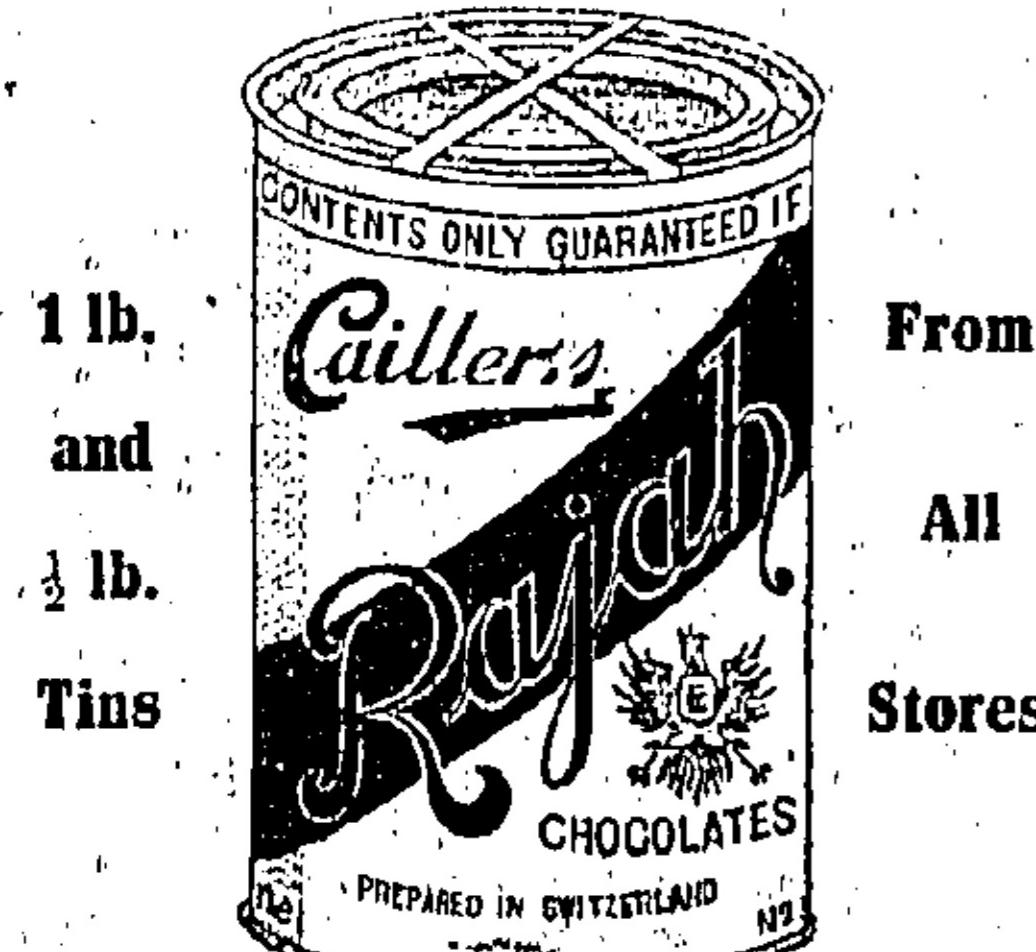
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FOR THE DINNER TABLE**FLAGSHIP'S DANCE.****SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.****Ringing in the New Year.**

A very successful dance was held at the Seamen's Institute on New Year's eve, arranged by the Entertainment Committee of H. M. S. Hawkins.

There was a large attendance and everyone enjoyed the pleasant evening, especially the ringing of the Old Year out and the New Year in, on a large bell landed from the ship, by Paymaster Commander A. C. Roe, R. N., who was applauded by the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow," and the linking of hands and singing of "Auld Lang Syne." Great praise is due to Petty Officer Jacobs and Able Seaman Faithfull for the exceptional way in which the Hall was electrically decorated. Pleasant and suitable music was rendered by the Ship's Dance Orchestra under Petty Officer Writer Hall, and the duties of M. C. were carried out by C. P. O. Bryan.

Carnival novelties were also in evidence and a pleasing feature was the pains taken to match the ladies' dresses with the crepe hats.

A noticeable feature was the large attendance of the Ship's Officers who appeared in uniform.

After the interval a speech was made by the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, who asked to be allowed to take up a very little of the company's time, as he was sure they would pardon when he had finished. He said that as most of those present knew, the present commission of the Flagship were shortly returning home, nice for them but sad for those left behind. The staff of the Seamen's Institute could not, however, let them go without saying how very much they appreciated having the ship's dances held there, and all the more because of the great help given by the Dance Committee. Though all worked well, and how well, only those who attended the dances and especially such dances as that held in honour of the French flagship Jules Mitchelot, could tell there were certain members of the Committee whom they had got to know particularly well.

First of these was the Secretary, Mr. H. Tilbe, whose unfailing energy and courtesy were most marked and whose readiness at all times to fall in with the wishes of the management of the Institute they so greatly appreciated, in token of which he asked him to accept a small gift.

Mr. Tilbe then came forward and was presented amid loud applause with a silver cigarette case. Two members who had always given special help were Messrs. Jacobs and Faithfull, each of whom were presented with "dolm mascot," chosen specially for them by one of the Institute staff, because they were such "boys." They received and unwrapped their gifts amid applause and laughter.

The Chaplain concluded by wishing all present in the name of the Missions to Seamen a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and the second half of the Dance then commenced.

It is understood that the Hawkins will hold further dances on the 7th and 14th instant and will conclude their social programme with a farewell dance on board ship before the present ship's company leave for England.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.**ARRIVAL AT MONGALLA.**

Khartoum, Jan. 3. Alan Cobham has arrived at Mongalla, 150 miles North of the Uganda border.—Reuter.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

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**GOLF.****KOWLOON G. C. AT HAPPY VALLEY.**

Yesterday the Kowloon Golf Club members were guests of the Junior Section of the R. H. K. G. C. at Happy Valley, this being a return for the hospitality of the Peninsula club when the Valley was suffering from floods and no play was possible.

At Kowloon in October the Happy Valley players were rather overwhelmed, both by the play and the generosity of their hosts, and were only too ready to return the compliment yesterday. Right to the end of the day, the result was in doubt, the home team eventually winning by 15½ to 13½ points.

Singles were played in the morning, 30 players going out. Most matches were very close and more than one finished on the last green. Nine Happy Valley won their singles and one match was halved, the scores being 9½ to 5½.

In the afternoon the visitors had the advantage, and scored 8 points to six, leaving Happy Valley winners by two points.

Excellent tiffins and teas were served by Cafe Wiseman and an exceptionally enjoyable day spent by everybody. All the players will hope that these interesting inter-club fixtures may be made more or less permanent ones.

At the tiffin interval, Mr. V. C. Labrum, on behalf of Kowloon, thanked Mr. Beardall and the Happy Valley team for the enjoyment of the game and their hospitality. He offered the toast of the Happy Valley Junior section, which was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours.

Mr. Beardall, captain of the home team, expressed the pleasure it gave them to entertain Kowloon and hoped that the fixture would not be the last. He thanked Mr. D. J. Brown who had acted as secretary for the occasion, remarking that without his help the day would not have been possible.

He also thanked those who looked after the tiffin arrangements and Mr. C. A. Grimes for superintending the refreshments on the liquid side.

Scores?

	Singles	Tiffs
Happy Valley	Kowloon G. C.	
H. Beardall	J. K. S. Robertson	
Petheram	E. D. da Roza	1
R. Campbell	J. J. D. Thomson	
A. K. Mac-		
Donnell	F. E. Remedios	1
P. Oliver	J. R. Melkruin	
S. B. Spillet	F. X. Remedios	
E. E. Bookler	J. W. Paterson	1
D. J. Brown	J. Lickley	
W. MacKay	A. W. Roberts	
C. A. Grimes	E. A. Beaumont	1
W. Pryde	V. C. Labrum	½
S. E. Garrod	W. J. Carroll	½
F. E. Lawrence	A. W. Brown	
D. Lyon	J. Bottomley	
W. J. Shenton	J. A. Brooksbank	
Total...9½	5½	

Four-somes.

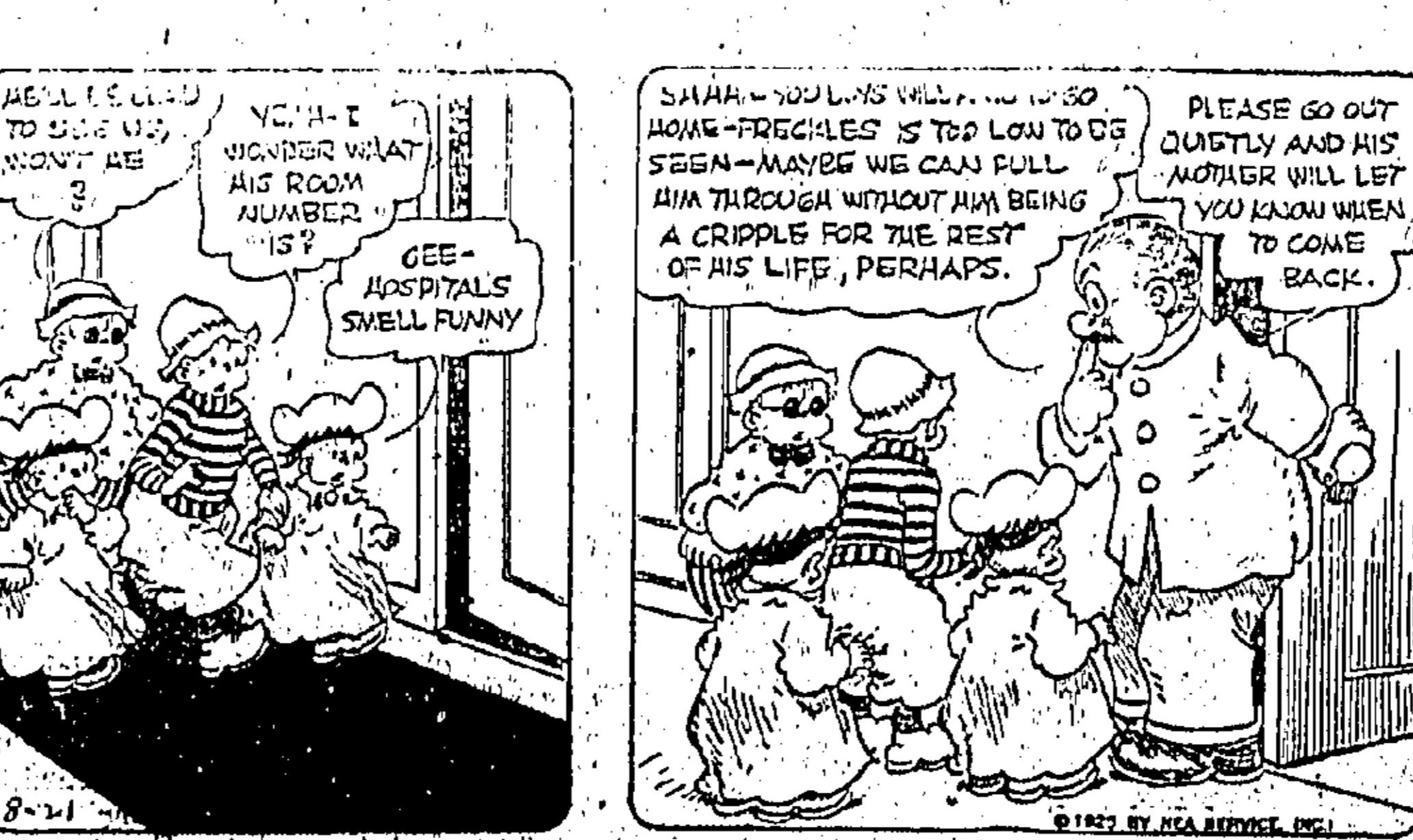
	Robertson and Roza	Thomson and McDonald	Meldrum and Oliver and Brown	Lickley and Remedios	Paterson and Bottomley and Lynn	Beaumont and MacKay	Carroll and Brown	Total...15½	13½
H. Beardall and Petheram									
C. A. Grimes and F. E. Lawrence									
R. Campbell and S. E. Garrod									
D. J. Brown and W. J. Shenton									
Total...15½									

EXPLOSION.**TWELVE KILLED IN FLORIDA.**

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 3. A dozen corpses have already been recovered of the victims of the explosion of one of the retorts of the Newport Rosin and Turpentine Company. It is believed that over twenty were injured.—Reuter.

RELIEF FOR HOMELESS.**CHIHLI TUPAN ASKS FOR \$200,000.**

Peking, Jan. 3. The new Chihi Tupan, Sun Yuen has wired to the Government asking for \$200,000 for the relief of those whose homes have been devastated in the recent fighting.—Reuter.

A Compound Fracture Above the Knee!**CORRESPONDENCE.****[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]****LESSONS OF THE FIRE.**

Sir.—With regard to the Hotel fire, whilst recriminations are useless, it is high time that the papers, as professed exponents of public opinion, should expound the great dissatisfaction which the public is and has for some time been, expressing privately.

This fire is only the latest of a series, all of which entailed great and unnecessary loss of property and some lives. It is hard to recall a single report of a fire which has not opened by saying that the firemen were handicapped at the start by lack of pressure, but when—etc., they soon got the better of it.

To come back to the Hotel fire, there are several witnesses to the fact that had there been any pressure at all on the 4th and 6th floors, there would have been no fire at all to speak of. The sight of willing volunteers standing impotently by, pointing empty hoses at the small flames, and watching it gradually take complete charge, was enough to make the firemen laugh aloud with malicious joy and glee.

We all know the supreme indifference with which the authorities here treat public opinion, and that it requires quite a number of retaining walls, for instance, to collapse before they can be persuaded to have an enquiry as to why a retaining wall does not retain, but surely there has been enough damage done to life and property by totally unnecessary fires for even Hongkong's self-complacent mandarins to begin to take notice.

A public enquiry is badly needed to fix responsibility for the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, with impartial commissioners and counsel to represent the public. Of course, we all know the evil-like propensities of Government Departments when it comes to the question of responsibility, but there are one or two leading Counsels in this Colony who could be relied on to even cope with the tergiversations of a Government Department.

Whilst on this subject, can you tell us what the objection is to installing a salt-water reservoir and pumping station on the Peak, and using it for not only fires, but all street-watering and flushing purposes? Why all this unnecessary waste of water, when every year there is shortage, and not much prospect of conditions changing?

Also, what happens in the rider-main district if a fire is indiscriminate enough to start during prohibited hours?

Finally, if no one else will take up this question of fires in Hongkong, could not the head offices in England or America be informed of the state of affairs here, and how much money they are paying out on account of this.—Yours, etc.,

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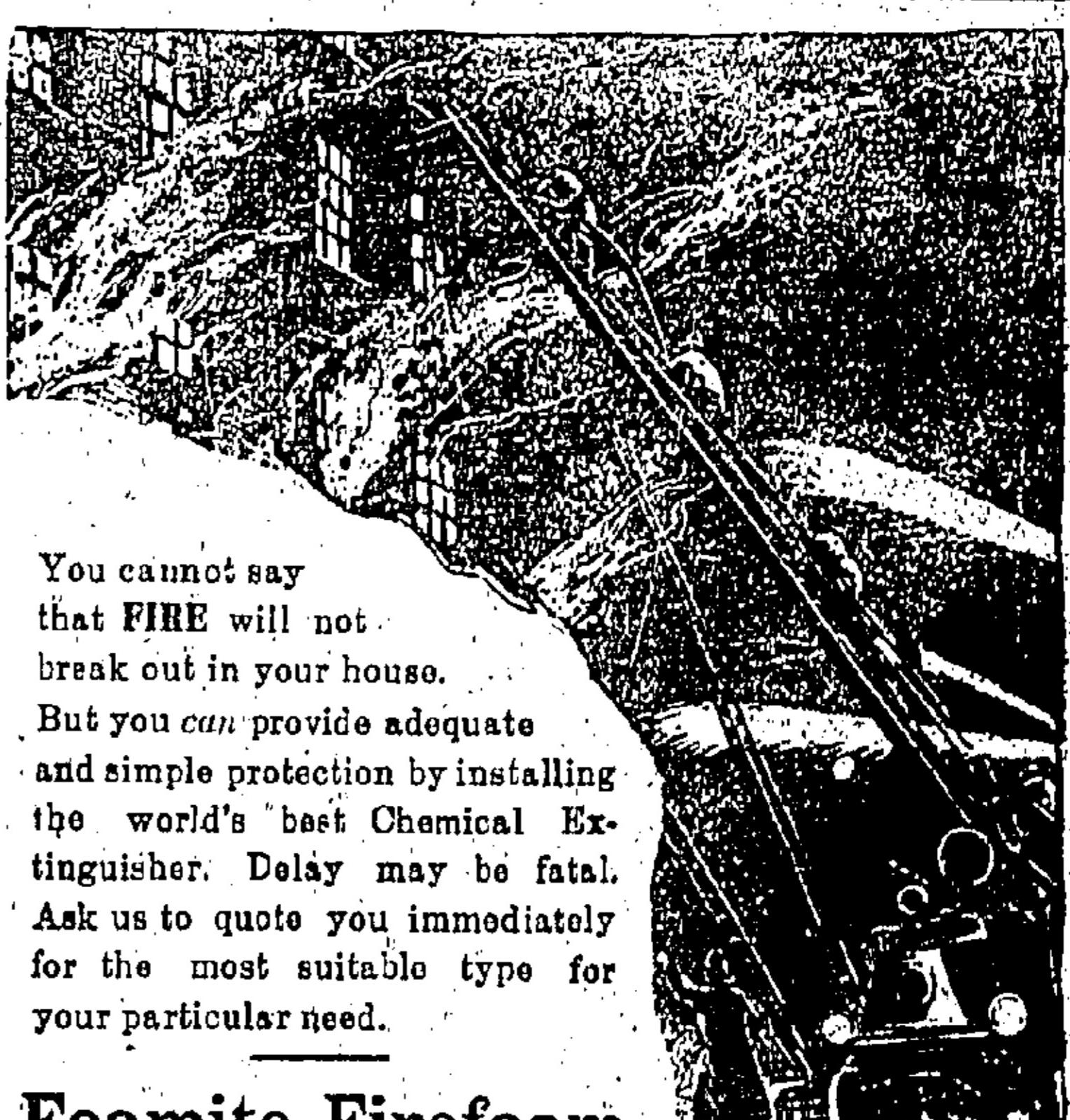
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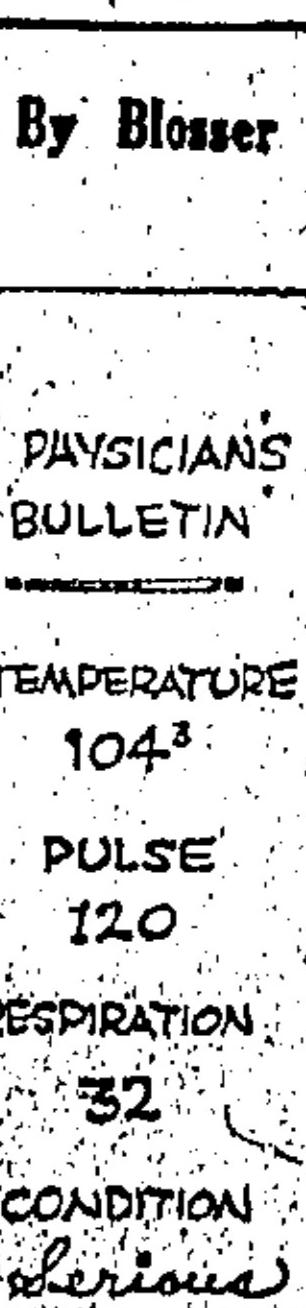
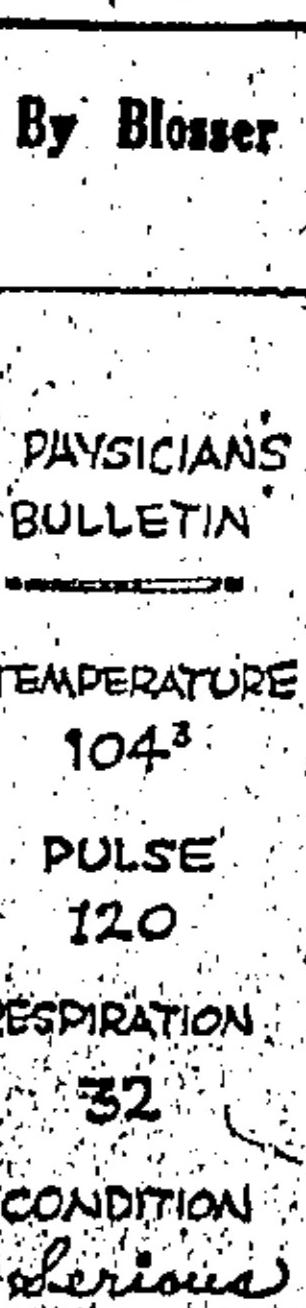
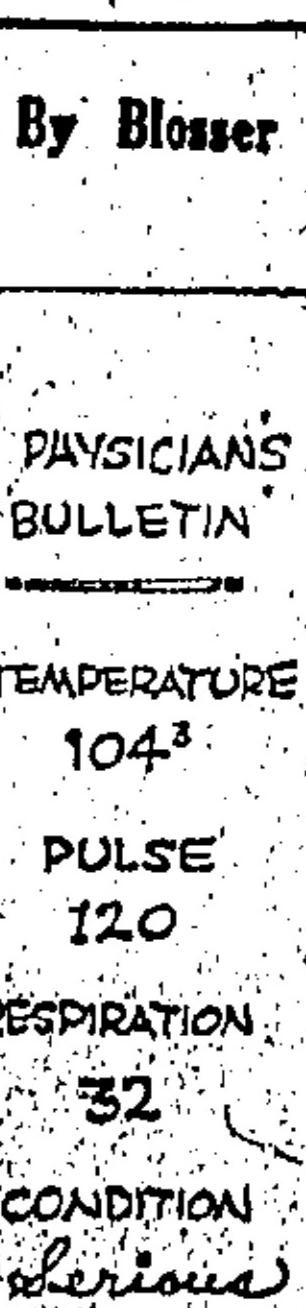
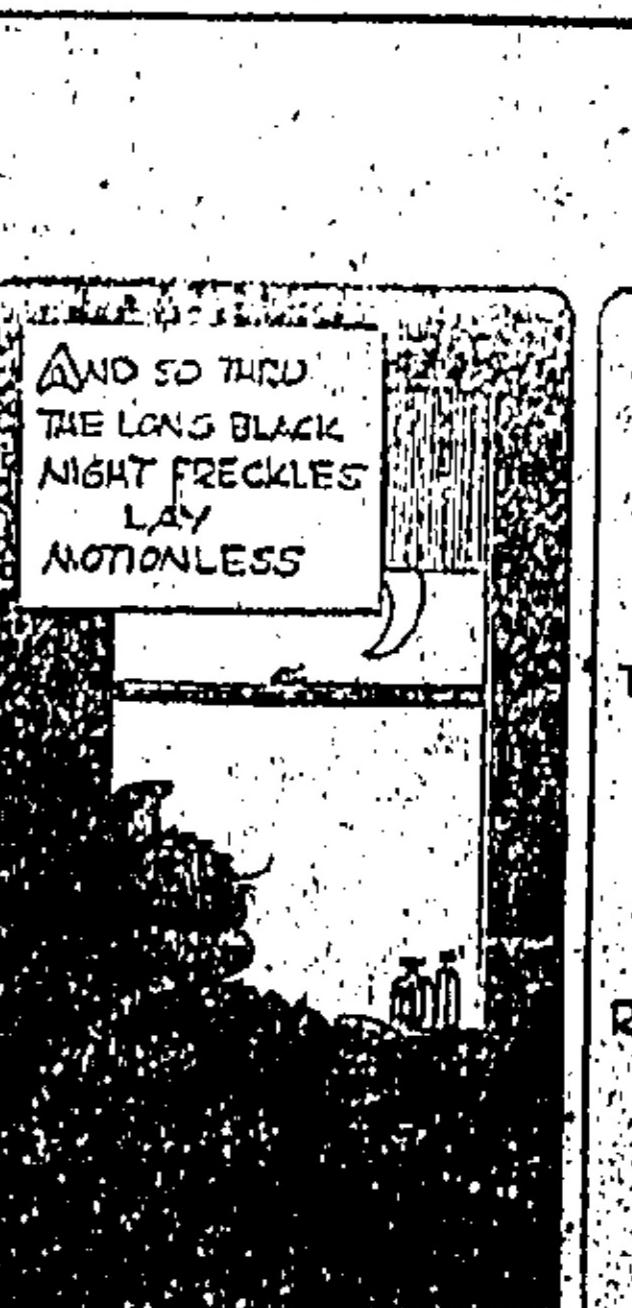
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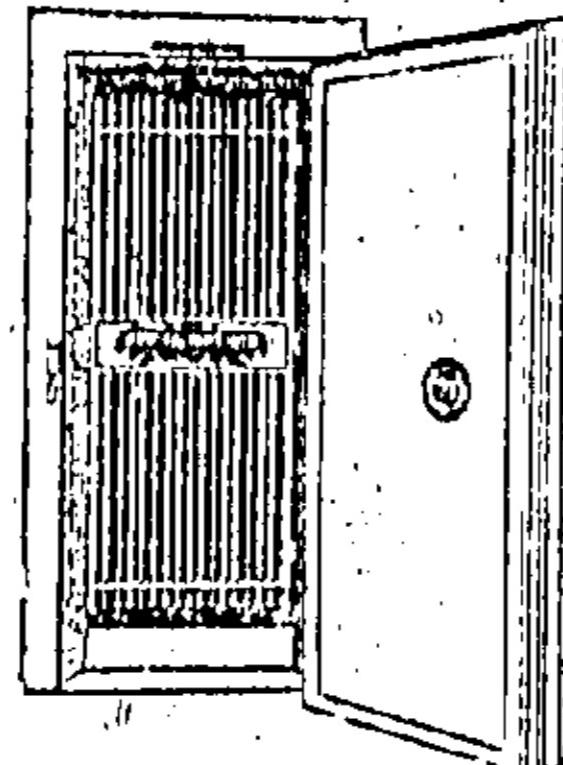
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The Telegraph

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NEW TRAMWAY
NEEDED.

Peak residents who hoped that the passing of a vote by the Legislative Council on Tuesday to cover the cost of a survey of a suggested route for a new tramway from Murray Barracks to Wan Chai Gap implied that this undertaking would shortly be put in hand, will no doubt be disappointed to learn that the scheme has for the time being been shelved. All the same, whether this particular route or any other be chosen, the time will assuredly come when some such scheme will have to be adopted. Apart from the congestion on the existing system, which, despite the admirable efforts that have been made to cope with it, is still very marked at certain hours of the day, the great fact remains that various parts of the hill district have been so opened up for the building of houses that scores of homes are far removed either from the terminus or the intermediate stations of the present Peak Tramway. It is true that the motor road to the Peak has been of benefit to several residents, but for the ordinary householder who does not own a car it is an expensive business to get to and from town by means of motor-car. What is badly needed is a new tramway system which will skirt the face of the island and come out at the eastern end of the Peak, where in recent years there has been considerable residential development. It may be that at present the military lands deadlock holds up such a scheme as this, but it ought to be possible to map out a route, possibly in conjunction with the present system, by which unoccupied land could be utilised for this purpose and the release thereof be arranged with the War Department.

In recent years, one or two schemes have been suggested for the provision of a new tramway route, and the fact that matters have gone so far as to make rough

surveys is sufficient to show that the need of an extended service is recognised. Whatever the means adopted, it is clear that there is a distinct call for better transport facilities to outlying districts on the higher levels, and the putting of a scheme into operation ought not to be unduly delayed. So far as the eastern part of the Peak is concerned—that is, the area within reach of the motor road—a vast improvement on existing services would be effected if there were motor-buses running to and from the city, and we imagine that there would be considerable patronage therefor if a tariff could be arranged anywhere near the Peak Tramway rates. This, of course, would be a matter for private enterprise, and possibly a canvass of the district would disclose whether such a venture would be commercially profitable.

Rain-Making.

The news that one of the Professors at Hongkong University is experimenting in rain-making, disclosed at Tuesday's meeting of the Legislative Council, has caused a considerable degree of interest. The fact that the Government has made a grant towards the necessary apparatus shows that official cognisance has been given to what might prove of great scientific value. We do not know whether Hongkong will benefit very much were its fogs turned into rain, considering that foggy weather usually coincides with damp days, but if the researches lead to the banishing of our weak fogs (even in the form of raindrops) there should be a considerable section of our population who will be thankful to the Professor. Commenting on the subject from an entirely unscientific standpoint, we recall our physiography lectures at school, when the elements of rain-formation were instilled into our minds as being the somewhat sudden cooling of moisture-laden air, principally through its ascent to upper regions of the atmosphere, such as happens when a current of air strikes a mountain-side. Our Peak mists are no doubt caused by the fairly rapid formation of moisture particles against the hilltops. We recall various methods of rain-production, one of the best-known being the causing of sudden pressure or other disturbances in a moisture-laden atmosphere, by firing with cannon at hovering clouds. An ingenious invention announced some years ago was the firing of a large ring of metal out of a funnel-shaped gun, thus causing something of a minor cyclonic disturbance in a cloud belt, and bringing down rain. Latterly, there have been reports of American experiments in the clouds with "electrified sand" (whatever that is) scattered from aeroplanes. Perhaps Hongkong is about to gain additional publicity through being the home of an even more intriguing means of rain-making.

World Wireless.

The news of Marconi's conclusion of arrangements for operating a world-wide system of wireless comes as a sequel to many months of negotiations and preliminary reports, and finally places the scheme in the list of early accomplishments. The question of whether this radio service—or rather linked service—will prove a serious rival of the cable companies has been discussed a great deal in the past year or two, and the general conclusion, which appears to be no reason to alter, is that the cable services will continue to hold an important place in the scheme of communications all over the world. In the case of special conditions, the cable telegraphs must remain paramount, as they are proof against even the most adverse atmospheric disturbances, but in a general way wireless will serve a big demand for more accommodation over a wider area. The newspaper press is not the least of the concerns interested in the development of radio communication all over the world. Perhaps, in time, the cost of wireless will be cheaper than at present, and the service obtain an even larger clientele. One of the chief effects of the new Marconi contracts is the linking of all parts of the British Empire by means of the big "beam" stations, and the announcement made by Reuters on Saturday contains the interesting intimation that these inter-Empire services

will be in operation early this year. Much has been going on "behind the scenes," whispers of which have reached the public, and it is gratifying to learn definitely that all obstacles have apparently been overcome, and the ideal of Imperial radio communication is about to be realised.

DAY BY DAY.

EVERY HEART THAT HAS BEAT STRONG AND CHEERFULLY HAS LEFT A HOPEFUL IMPULSE BEHIND IT IN THE WORLD, AND BETTERED THE TRADITION OF MANKIND.—R. L. Stevenson.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4/16d.

The P. & O. liner Delta, which left Singapore on the 2nd instant at 7 a.m., is due here at 6 a.m. on the 8th instant.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Harrison and Mr. H. C. Shrubsole were passengers arriving here from Manila by the s.s. President Wilson.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the Rev. G. R. Lindsay to be Honorary Visiting Chaplain to the Kowloon Hospital.

The s.s. Empress of Asia will sail from Hongkong at daylight on Friday, the 8th instant, one day later than previously announced.

In the Adamson Cup seventh qualifying competition, played at Happy Valley on December 27th, Mr. T. Bateman qualified with a score of 84—107 minus 23.

Mr. H. E. Goldsmith, Executive Engineer in Charge of Roads, returned on the President Wilson from a short visit to Baguio, accompanied by Mrs. Goldsmith.

St. Andrew's Church Vestry is faced with heavy liabilities, but has decided to rely on freewill offerings rather than bazaars or similar methods. A sum of \$3,000 is needed.

The Hongkong Hotel bus service will start from outside Mac's Cafeteria, instead of Statue Square, as announced in an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue.

After-dinner dancing will take place nightly in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel from 9.15 p.m. to midnight. There will be no charge to diners, but non-diners will be charged one dollar per head.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here by the Empress of Russia were Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, Lieut.-Col. Montague Bates, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. J. Behar, Mr. C. M. Manners, and Mr. P. W. Massey.

News has been received by the Procureur des Missions Bolgios, at Shanghai, from their Central mission station, Ninghsia, Kansu, that Rev. Father Meyvis, the Catholic priest who was captured last month by a gang of 30 bandits, has been released. No further details are at present available.

Much sympathy goes out to Mr. J. H. Taggart, the Managing Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., in connection with the disastrous fire at the Hongkong Hotel, as he is at present a patient in the Peak Hospital. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery to health.

The St. Andrew's Church Christmas carol choir, which under the direction of Mr. J. C. Leyland, visited various districts in Kowloon during the festive season, collected a sum of \$251.62, which is to be divided between the Church Pastoral Aid Society, the Hongkong Benevolent Society, and the Missions to Seamen.

A settlement was reached in the strike at the Commercial Press, Ltd., Shanghai, on Christmas Day, but the negotiations followed a very sorry disturbance which compelled Chinese soldiers guarding the Paoshan Road factory to use their rifles after four soldiers were injured by a shower of stones hurled at them by a large crowd of strikers. Colonel Liu, in charge of the soldiers, gave orders to fire and 20 shots were fired over the heads of the strikers. Six or seven men were injured and the soldiers charged at the crowd with fixed bayonets and arrested 43 of the ring-leaders.

It is officially explained that the postponement of the senate elections *sine die* is due to certain party leaders persisting in giving them a political complexion which will thus defeat the Government's object in obtaining a cessation of the increasing political tension.

TOBACCO SEIZURE.

CASE TO BE RE-HEARD.

As a result of the seizure of 57 bales of raw tobacco at Yau Ma Tei breakwater on Monday last by revenue officers, a confiscation order was later obtained.

The case was recalled at the Central Police Court this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, whom application for a re-hearing was made by Mr. Leo d'Almada.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Office, said he appeared to see that Mr. d'Almada satisfied the Court that the persons he was representing were really the owners of the tobacco. After that, the question could be gone into as to the circumstances under which the tobacco was brought to the Colony.

Mr. d'Almada said the facts appeared to be that the consignment of tobacco was sent from Canton in a fishing junk to the port of Hongkong, and was seized by the revenue officers. An agent of the owners subsequently interviewed Mr. Lloyd, and asked to be allowed

to pay the necessary duties, but he was apparently dissatisfied, and he told the agent to go to the Court on the next morning. The agent understood, however, that he was to appear before Mr. Lloyd at his office, and that was the reason why he did not come to Court. Now that the man was in Court, he had evidence to show that he was the rightful agent for the owners, and they were prepared to pay the necessary duties.

Mr. Lindsell said he saw no objection. He would adjourn the case until Friday, and Mr. Lloyd and Mr. d'Almada could discuss the matter together.

DEATH OF MR. DENMAN FULLER.

FORMER CATHEDRAL ORGANIST.

It is with the deepest of regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mr. Denman Fuller, F.R.C.O., for many years organist of St. John's Cathedral, which took place in a nursing home in Bournemouth on Christmas Day, after a long and painful illness.

For something like sixteen years, the late Mr. Fuller was organist and choirmaster of St. John's Cathedral, holding the dual position until compelled some two or three years ago to resign on account of ill-health. He was also prominently associated with the Hongkong Philharmonic Society, and was, in addition, Secretary of the City Hall Library and curator of the Museum. Never a robust man, the deceased, during his last few years in Hongkong, suffered greatly from an internal complaint, and it was after several severe operations that he was eventually compelled to leave the Colony, being by then a helpless invalid. In spite of his failing health before his retirement, he remained loyally at his post when many another less devoted to the task would have long since given up, and by his organ and piano forte recitals he raised much money for the reconstruction of which he did much valuable work.

The deceased, who was 45 years of age and unmarried, was a most talented organist and pianist, and he also composed a number of works, incidentally writing the music for the Hongkong University anthem.

The late Mr. Fuller's numerous friends will hear with the utmost regret of his death and will join in sympathising with his relatives in the bereavement they have suffered.

FRENCH POLITICS.

A SOCIALIST VOTE.

Paris, Jan. 2. At a meeting of the Socialist Federation of Limoges, the voting was 15 to 5 against participation with the Radical Ministry.

Meanwhile the Senate elections have been postponed *sine die*.

REUNION.

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EUROPEAN PEACE.

PRAISE FOR FRENCH PRESIDENT.

Paris, Jan. 2. Official receptions were held yesterday with the usual ceremonial. Cardinal Cerruti presenting the Diplomatic Corps at the Elysee, praised the work at Locarno, saying that "it is being demonstrated in France more than anywhere else, and it will be to her glory that are found men of goodwill who are workers towards peace, and there is one amongst all others to whom goes at this time—and that is you, Monsieur le President—our unanimous sentiments of admiration and gratitude for the task which is more than in name your own."

M. Doumergue replied:—"France, that did all in the past to propagate the great principles which constitute to-day the common rights of the people, will attach herself resolutely to realise this high conception of international intercourse on which depends the establishment of peace."—*Indopacific*.

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN PUBLICIST.

London, Jan. 3. The death has occurred of Mr. G. H. Mair, C.M.G.—Reuter.

George Herbert Mair has been Assistant Director of the League of Nations Secretariat since 1919. Born in 1887, educated at Aberdeen and Oxford, he joined the editorial staff of the *Manchester Guardian* in 1909, and acted later as leader writer and political correspondent in London. He became asst. editor of the *Daily Chronicle* in 1914, but resigned to do whole-time work first with the Home Office and later with the Foreign Office (News Department), and in the Ministry of Information. He was the director of the Press section of the British Peace Delegation to Paris in 1919, when he was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. The C.M.G. was conferred on him in 1920.]

SUPPRESSING BANDITS.

GEN. LI FOOK-JUM STILL ACTIVE.

With the co-operation of land and naval forces, a big scheme is now being taken in hand by the Canton authorities for the suppression of bandits and pirates in the West River.

A definite step forward was made on Christmas morning, when General Li Fook-jum, making Yung Kee as his base, commenced operations from four directions by water and by land: with the result, it is reported, that three of the bandits' launches were sunk, five captured and many wooden vessels manned by pirates also captured. On land, the bandits were so heavily defeated that they fled in all directions, leaving a great many killed and wounded in their trail. The bandits mostly fled into the districts of Ching Shan and Sui Lin, where engagements are being taken up by troops stationed at pre-arranged points.

In this one concerted action of the troops and Navy, it is expected that the lower reaches of the West River and the delta will be quite free of bandits.

GREEK RULE.

PREMIER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

Athens, Jan. 3. The Premier, General Panagols, has announced that henceforth he is assuming entire

ATHERLEY CASE.

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The Company's Banking account went instead into the private account of Mr. Atherley at the International Bank.

Counsel commented on what he termed the significance of these changes, and went on to remark that if Mr. Atherley did receive these monies from sources entirely unconnected with his Company, it was a striking coincidence that such monies as he paid into his private account should correspond exactly with the total received from the dealers and duly noted on the deposits slip handed in to him by the compradore at the end of the day.

STRIKING COINCIDENCES.

Counsel lay stress on the fact that accused was in receipt of a salary which worked out in local currency to \$870 a month, and conjectured on how, within a period of five or six days, between March 24th and March 31st, accused was able to pay into his private account sums amounting to \$5,148, which was equivalent to six months' salary. Of course, Mr. Atherley might be able to explain that he obtained this last sum from a source unconnected with the Company, but there again it was a striking coincidence that it should total the amounts received by the dealers and handed over to him at his own request.

In April, within one calendar month, Mr. Atherley had received a sum of \$21,327 which was equivalent to just over two years of his salary. When he got this money, counsel said, he did not know. He would not like to suggest, but so far as his case was concerned he could prove that at least a part of this money could be traced to sums over which the accused had control as Manager of Getz Bros. in Hongkong.

Another significant fact, in counsel's estimation, was that the first cheque drawn upon the accused's private account was for an amount of \$4,022.50 "favour of Messrs. Fred Ellis and Company," well-known here as share and stock dealers, the date of this being March 25th, which was the March Settlement Day of the local Stock Exchange, this fact leaving no doubt in the minds of business men that on March 24th there was a pressing need on the part of Atherley to make payment of \$4,022.50 to Messrs. Fred Ellis and Company.

Counsel then went on to deal with the diversion of the monies received by the compradore for and on behalf of the Company, during the course of the day, from the bank into the accused's control. He referred to various amounts. The accused on his own part would give his own personal receipts for the amounts he received from the compradore, and these were surrendered for a final receipt which he gave for the total and accumulative amount of \$13,000 odd.

HORATIO BOTTOMLEY CASE QUOTED.

Mr. Jenkin proceeded to make extensive quotations from the Law Times Reports of the Horatio Bottomley case on the definition of what was, what was not, and what could be embezzlement. It did not matter from whom the prisoner received the money as long as he received it in such a way that it was impossible to say that he received it on account of anybody else.

As manager Atherley had received money from another employee, who was bound to obey his instructions. There could be no question that the money was received by him on behalf of Getz Brothers, and that he would have been obliged to pay it to the President on demand if he had suddenly turned up from California.

Counsel proceeded to give further details of prisoner's transactions with sharebrokers. At the March Settlement, 1924, he paid a cheque for \$4,022.50 to Messrs. Fred Ellis and Co., and at June Settlement Day he paid a cheque for \$4,000 to Carroll Bros., and a cheque for \$1,964.30 to Messrs. Fred Ellis and Co.

In May, 1924, at the date of the Share Settlement, he had paid \$3,000 to some one whom they had been unable to trace.

It was significant that a man earning such a small salary should be drawing a cheque of such an amount on a Settlement Day.

It was also significant that the amount paid out to various people on those three Settlement Days was \$13,076.30, a sum which approximated very closely to the \$13,148 which he was alleged to have misappropriated during the trial.

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TAIMOSHAN.

TWO PILGRIMAGES ON SATURDAY.

The well-known peak in the New Territories, Taimoshan, was one of the holiday attractions over the week-end, and the weather was just ideal for the climb.

On Saturday a party of twelve from the European Y.M.C.A., journeying out to Tsinwan by motorcar, had an enjoyable excursion to the top, and led by a member who was familiar with the route, found the going less trying than it had been on the previous climb on Boxing Day. The summit was reached in about two and a half hours, and after a much-appreciated lunch the party returned to sea-level by an alternative path. The weather conditions could not have been better, and a superb view was obtained from the summit, ships in the harbour being easily discerned, the Hermes being among the most conspicuous.

Another party of climbers, six in number and including four ladies, arrived at the top soon after the others, and descended on the side towards Taipo.

This climb is only one of the outdoor activities which the Y.M.C.A. have in their programme. It is hoped to arrange a visit to Lantau island in the near future, when the peak there will be tackled, and the outing will probably involve an overnight stay in the huts that have been erected there.

LEAGUE MATCH.

The Civil Service Cricket Club met the Royal Artillery in the only League match on Saturday, and it ended in a tie, both sides scoring 149. Major Hattersley Smith contributed 80 to the Artillery score, being undefeated at the end. R. D. Evans took 5 for 31. The Civil Service batsmen who did best were F. J. de Rome (29) and A. E. Wood (39). Lieut. Smith took 4 for 19.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

NAVY DEFEAT H.K. C.C.

The two-day match between the Navy and the Hongkong Cricket Club ended on Saturday in a win for the naval team by six wickets.

The Navy compiled the excellent total of 332 runs in their first innings (Lieut. Halsey 88, St Comdr. Armitage 57, Mid. Stephenson 45, Lieut. Silittoe 45, Lt-Col. Cantrell 38 not out). Rev. T. R. Powell took 6 Navy wickets for 82. The Club in their first venture compiled 157; only A. W. Hayward (63) and H. Owen Hughes (35) being able to stand up long to the bowling, Lt-Col. Cantrell taking 6 for 71. Following on in the afternoon on Saturday, the Club did better in their second knock, and compiled 207 (Owen Hughes 45, T. E. Pearce 49), leaving their opponents only 32 to make up. Lt-Col. Cantrell took 5 for 68.

The Navy compiled 42 for the loss of four wickets, all of which were captured by Bowker, for 17 runs.

FARM FED TURKEYS

from \$1.00 per lb. live weight

FARM FED GEESE

.60 per lb. live weight

CANADIAN TURKEYS

.90 per lb. dead weight

CANADIAN CHICKENS

.70 per lb. dead weight

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HOME FOOTBALL.**LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS.**

The following are the results of matches played on Saturday:

Division I.

Birmingham	2	Sunderland	1
Burnley	2	Aston Villa	3
Bury	3	Blackburn	1
Cardiff City	2	Manchester C.	2
Leeds United	2	Notts. C.	1
Liverpool	0	Leicester C.	1
Manchester U.	2	West Ham	1
Newcastle	5	Bolton W.	1
Sheffield U.	1	Everton	1
Tottenham	1	Arsenal	2
West Brom A.	2	Huddersfield T.	2
Arsenal	24	13	5 6 35 37 31
Huddersfield	22	10	9 3 45 35 29
Sunderland	25	12	5 8 36 45 29
Manch. Un.	23	12	4 7 41 32 28
Bury	24	13	2 9 55 50 28
Sheffield U.	25	11	5 9 68 53 27
Aston Villa	24	10	7 7 55 45 27
Tottenham	24	11	5 8 46 48 27
West Brom	24	10	6 8 33 42 26
Birmingham	26	11	4 11 44 46 26
Newcastle	24	9	7 8 50 47 25
Bolton	24	10	4 10 49 45 24
Everton	25	7	10 8 49 50 24
Liverpool	23	8	6 38 32 22
Cardiff	25	9	3 13 37 55 21
Notts. Cty.	24	8	4 12 36 41 20
Leicester	24	7	6 11 45 52 20
West Ham	24	9	2 13 34 51 20
Leeds U.	24	8	4 12 40 47 20
Burnley	25	7	6 12 46 72 20
Blackburn	24	6	7 11 47 49 19
Manch. City	25	6	7 12 58 70 19

Division II.

Barnsley	3	Oldham A.	4
Bradford C.	4	Chelsea	2
Derby C.	3	Hull C.	1
Fulham	3	The Wednesday	0
Middlesbrough	4	Portsmouth	1
Nottingham	2	Darlington	2
Port Vale	4	Clapton Orient	2
Preston N. E.	1	Whitton	0
Southampton	2	Blackpool	2
S. Shields	3	Swansea T.	1
Stockport C.	2	Stoke C.	1
Derby C.	23	15	5 3 50 21 35
Wednesday	24	15	3 6 59 31 33
South S'ds.	24	13	8 46 36 29
Chelsea	23	10	8' 5' 47 28 28
Middlesbrough	25	14	0 11 51 43 28
Oldham	22	11	5 6 42 33 27
Port Vale	24	12	2 10 46 40 26
Portsmouth	24	10	6 8 49 54 26
Blackpool	24	10	5 9 43 35 25
Hull City	23	10	3 10 32 32 23
Swansea	21	9	4 8 40 34 22
Bradford C.	22	8	6 3 30 29 22
Wolves	22	9	4 9 34 34 22
Barnsley	23	8	6 36 42 22
Preston	24	10	2 12 41 55 22
Notts. For.	23	7	6 10 29 30 20
Stoke	23	7	6 10 31 41 20
Darlington	22	6	7 9 36 46 19
Southport	24	6	8 12 34 38 19
Fulham	23	5	13 25 48 15
Stockport	24	5	4 15 30 56 14
Clapton	22	6	2 14 24 52 14

Division III (South).

Aberdare	8	Watford	1
Brighton & H.A.	2	Newport, C.	2
Exeter C.	3	Merthyr T.	2
Luton T.	4	Millwall	1
Charlton	2	Crystal Palace	1
Northampton	1	Bristol C.	1
Queens Park R.	0	Gillingham	1
Southend C.	2	Plymouth A.	2
Swindon T.	8	Bournemouth	2
Plymouth	22	13	6 3 62 33 32
Reading	23	11	8 4 37 27 30
Bristol City	22	12	5 6 42 28 29
Brighton	22	12	4 6 51 40 28
Northants	22	11	4 7 46 40 26
Millwall	22	10	5 7 40 24 25
Southend	22	12	1 9 48 36 25
Swindon	23	10	5 8 42 35 25
Gillingham	22	10	4 8 33 27 24
Watford	22	9	5 8 37 45 23
Merthyr	22	7	7 8 35 38 21
Newport	23	8	5 10 30 38 21
Exeter	23	8	4 11 37 39 20
Newport	22	7	6 9 27 38 20
Luton	23	8	4 11 39 47 20
Bristol Rov.	22	8	3 11 36 31 19
Charlton	20	5	9 6 19 22 19
Aberdare	22	7	4 11 43 45 18
Bournmouth	22	6	5 11 29 53 17
Crystal P.	22	7	2 13 38 45 16
Brentford	22	7	2 13 31 54 16
Q. P. R.	22	4	6 12 21 38 14

Division III (North).

Accrington	5	Walsall	2
Crews A.	1	Nelson	1
Durham C.	2	Tranmere R.	2
Halifax	2	Chesterfield	0
Hartlepools	4	Rochdale	1
Lincoln C.	0	Coventry	1
New Brighton	2	Barrow	1
Rotherham	2	Bradford	0
Southport	0	Wrexham	1
Wigan Boro	0	Ashington	2
Bradford	23	15	3 5 41 21 33
Rochdale	22	12	5 5 30 29 20
Nelson	22	10	8 4 51 26 28
Grimsby	21	11	5 5 45 24 27
Halifax	22	11	5 6 35 24 27
Hartlepools	23	11	4 7 43 21 37
Accrington	22	11	4 8 43 49 24
Doncast.	21	7	5 39 34 23
Durham	23	11	1 11 39 42 23
Ashington	23	8	6 9 35 31 22
Crews A.	21	9	3 9 36 36 21
Wrexham	22	6	9 7 36 43 21
Lincoln	22	9	2 11 35 39 20
Wigan	22	7	10 39 40 19
N. Brighton	22	8	3 11 30 41 19
Rotherham	22	7	4 11 27 55 18
Tranmere	22	7	3 12 35 52 17
Southport	21	4	7 10 31 43 15
Barrow	23	4	2 17 33 50 10
Walsall	22	3	4 15 25 65 10

—Reuter.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.**JUNIOR MATCHES POSTPONED.**

(By "WANDERER.")

Kowloon played up with confidence after the interval, but the R.A.'s were playing kick and rush football which kept the Kowloon defence on the run. For a period of about fifteen minutes nothing appeared to be going wrong for the soldiers and the wonder was that only once did they manage to defeat Vickers. A strong effort by Kowloon kept play confined to the R.A.'s half and corner after corner was conceded. Just before the end McKelvie received from one of the concessions and shot the equaliser from twenty-five years.

Kowloon were by no means at their best but should have won. Vickers might have had a chance with the second goal had he remained in, though even so it appeared that Wheeler and Turner had opportunities of kicking clear after Vickers had been beaten for possession. The half-backs were sound though all three have given better displays, but Linker and Hayes were the only forwards to show to any advantage. Read could not be expected to shine in the forward line though he was an improvement on Taylor at inside-right. McBride put in many excellent centres, but received little support.

The R.A. team played the type of football which often gets goals and generally speaking it is surprising that they have not shown up better in the league tourney. Trim and Nokes were in good form and the half-backs played consistently well. The forwards had no plan of attack but by first-time passing, and hefty kicking made plenty of ground.

POLICE SURPRISE.

Credit for the smart 3-1 on the Police over the Club de Recreio must chiefly be given to Wynne and Clark, though without a doubt the absence of Gosano made the task much easier. The Recreio were the better side in the opening stages but excellent defensive work by Wynne and Harle and a couple of capital saves by Clark, kept them scoreless and eventually Oram, in his debut as a centre-forward, defeated Fernandes after some neat play on the right.

The second half went much on the same lines as the first, the Recreio making repeated attacks but failing to make much impression in the goal area. McGinley increased the Police lead, Rocha headed past Clark, and then Simpson made certain of success by netting with a good shot.

The Recreio lacked finish, the absence of Gosano making all the difference. Generally speaking they were the better side, the half-backs giving an excellent display.

Rocha and Brown could make little impression on Wynne who gave one of his best exhibitions. He was tackling surely and kicking with judgment and found time to render assistance to his half-backs. Clark was in fine fettle and the forwards were always dangerous.

THE CLUB GO DOWN.

South China defeated the Club by two goals to one after an interesting game. Play was very even throughout and though perhaps the Chinese deserved their success, I understand that two goals scored by the Club were disallowed for small infringements.

Suen Kam-shun opened the scoring for the Chinese after ten minutes play, and subsequently play went much in their favour, Rodger being tested several times.

Forsyth equalised just before the interval but the winning goal fell to the Chinese after both goals had narrow escapes. Suen burst through shortly before the end and netted from close range.

McBride came in at inside-left and effected some improvement though he was inclined to wander into the defence. Howard led the line well and he essayed shots from all ranges without success.

SURREYS SCORE FOUR.

The Surreys kept the Tamar more or less on the defensive throughout and the naval eleven lost their sixth consecutive match by four clear goals.

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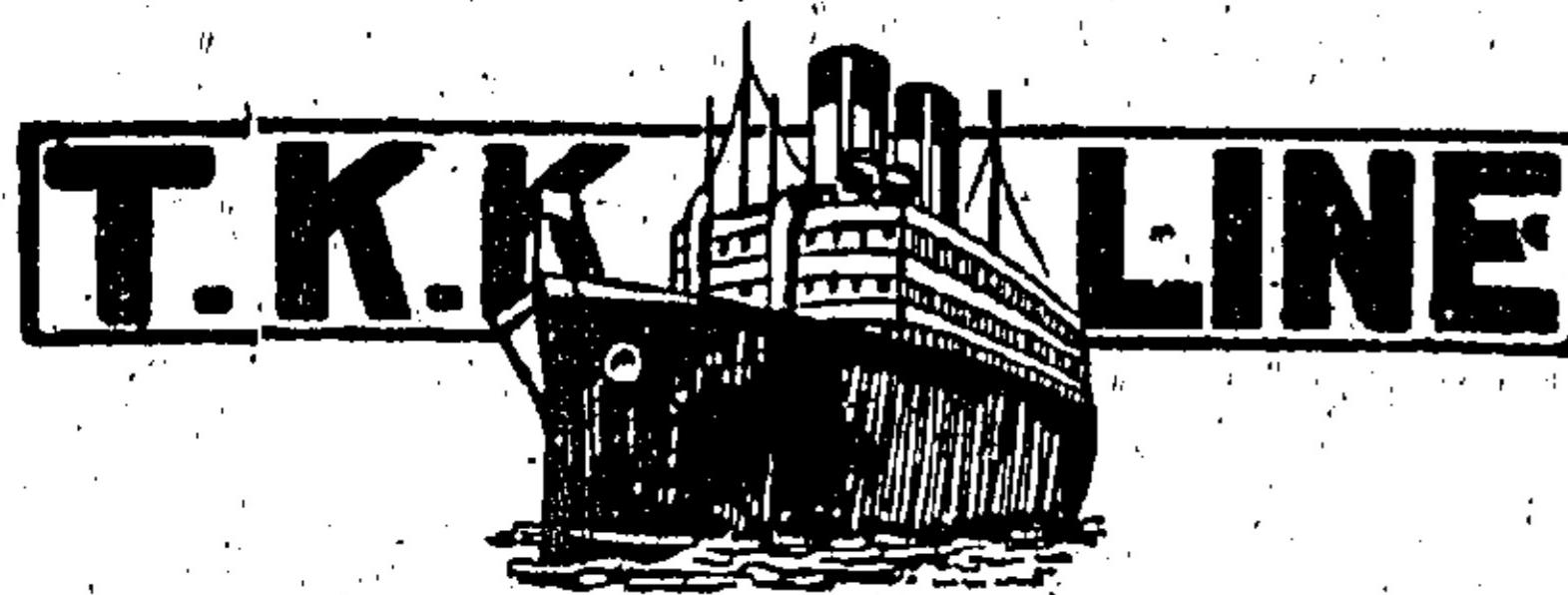
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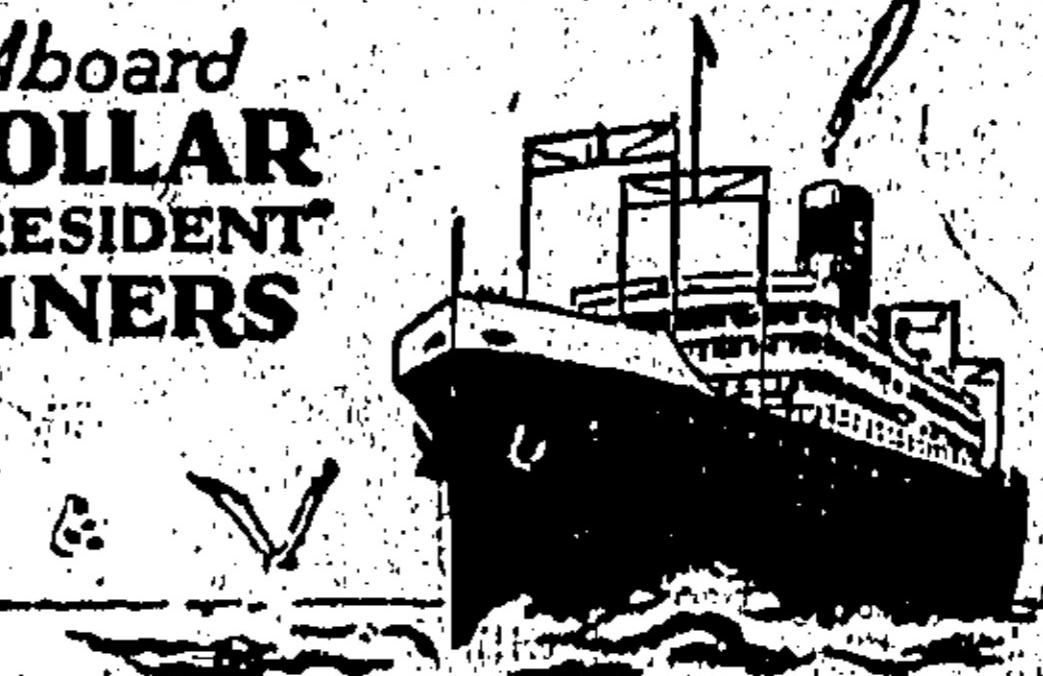
Knowing the character of the man they were after, and his cleverness in eluding capture, a cordon of police—300 are said to have been engaged—was drawn about the neighbourhood. On awaking and finding himself confronted by several policemen the man [pulled a revolver from his clothing and levelled it at the foremost officer] but by a piece of good luck the weapon missed fire, and the dangerous fellow was soon over-powered and secured and marched off to the Sannomiya Police Station. The Police are to be congratulated on ridding the city and prefecture of a notorious criminal who has long been "wanted" for numerous grave crimes. Oddly enough, on the occasion of his arrest in July, 1923, the man was captured while sleeping in a small *yadoya* at Mikage, and it was only through a pistol slipping out from his clothes that the proprietor of the place had his suspicious aroused and ran out and informed the police.

Some 1,650 high school and university students, representative of all sections in the United States, took part in a recent current history test, organized by the American "Review." Eleven per cent of the students (says Reuter's correspondent) failed to recognize a photograph of President Coolidge, and only 42 per cent knew the name of the inventor of wireless telegraphy, "Ma" Ferguson, Governor of Texas, was mistaken by some for the President of Mexico, and even for "Babe" Ruth, the baseball champion. Many students thought Teapot Dome was a public building in Washington. Others confused Mussolini with Battling Siki, and one student asserted that the United States had purchased Japan.

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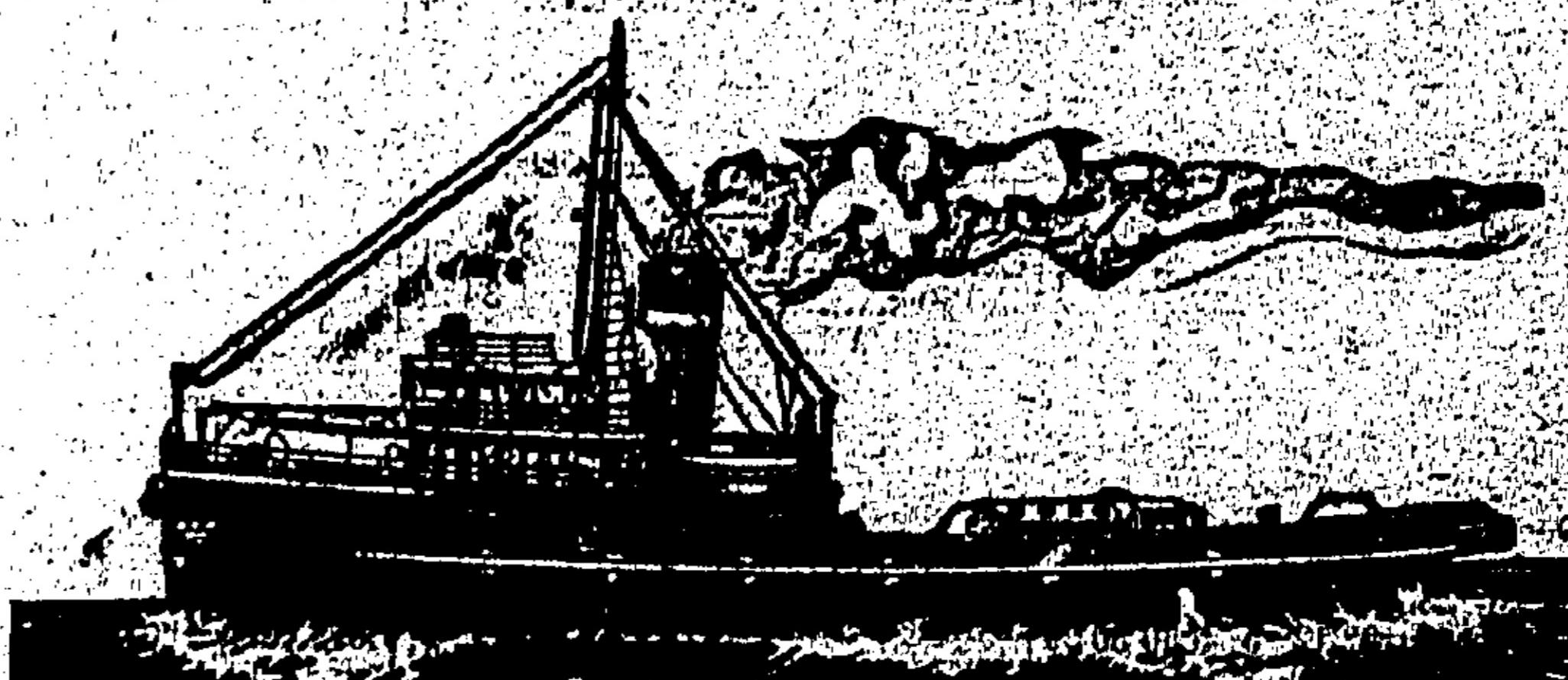
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Amoy	Talma	January 5.
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Europe via Nagasaki, Letters and Papers, London, 3rd Dec., 1925	Tokushima Maru	January 6.
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Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Amboise	Tues., Jan. 5.
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	Letters	2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles, 5th Feb., 1926)		
Bangkok	Chinhua	Tues., Jan. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tuca	Tues., Jan. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Suiyang	Wed., Jan. 6, 9.30 a.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Arafura	Wed., Jan. 6.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Parcels	Noon
Shanghai	Registration	1.45 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A. C. and S. America and Europa via Vancouver, B.C.	Letters	2.30 p.m.
(Due Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 25, 1926)		
Hoihow and Haiphong	Minggang	Wed., Jan. 6, 10.30 a.m.
	Tungshing	Wed., Jan. 6, 10.30 a.m.
*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.		

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**MOROCCO QUESTION.
DEBATE IN FRENCH CHAMBER.**

Paris, Jan. 2.
The Sultan of Morocco has addressed a message to President Doumergue thanking France for the protection accorded to his Empire.—Indopacifi.

An important debate took place in the Chamber yesterday on Morocco. The Communists maintained that the Government should deal with M. Thomson and M. Morinaud, deputies from Algeria, pointing out the danger and recalling the mistakes committed during the conquest of Algeria, establishing the influence of Abdel Kader by a premature treaty.

M. Painleve declared that the situation was fully re-established and that the frontiers were free of all attacks.

Credits were voted by a show of hands.

Under instruction from M. Briand, the Deputy Governor of Africa, referring to Capt. Canning, recalled having already informed him in Morocco that it was impossible for France, allied to Spain, to engage separately in peace negotiations, which cannot be entertained unless between accredited plenipotentiaries in the name of the Riffs and duly qualified French and Spanish plenipotentiaries. The situation being unchanged, M. Briand said he could not help persisting in his determination, and regretted that he could not grant Capt. Canning the interview asked for.—Indopacifi.

GANDHI TAKES A REST.**YEAR'S POLITICAL HOLIDAY.**

Ahmedabad, Jan. 3.
Gandhi has decided to take a year's rest from politics and to devote his attention to the development of hand spinning. He declares that this decision has been taken after consulting with many friends during the National Congress at Cawnpore.—Reuter.

RETORT EXPLOSION.**VICTIMS OF FLORIDA
TRAGEDY.**

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 3.
The bodies recovered after the explosion in one of the retorts of the Newport Rosin and Turpentine Company are horribly mutilated. One man who was blown through the roof fell 150 feet away. The damage to property is small.—Reuter's American Service.

FRENCH TAXES.**TOBACCO INCREASED
FIVE-FOLD.**

Paris, Dec. 31.
The financial propositions laid before the Chamber provide for a redemption fund to be administered by a Council composed of independent and impartial high officials. The price of tobacco will be increased five-fold as compared with the pre-war price. The special temporary tax on payments will not apply to indispensable foodstuffs.—Indopacifi.

FIGHT ON SHIP.**SEVENTEEN IMMIGRANTS
INJURED.**

(Our Own Correspondent).

Singapore, Jan. 2.
Seventeen immigrants were injured in a fight on the s.s. Vang Overstraten, whilst on a voyage from China to Medan.

**LEVEL CROSSING
SMASH.****EIGHT INDIAN WOMEN
KILLED.**

Kalka, Jan. 3.
The Maharaja of Patiala and his party, were returning from a shooting camp, when a lorry conveying the Maharaja's female attendants and two of her female cousins, was smashed by an express train at a level crossing. Eight women were killed and two seriously injured.—Reuter.

"LITTLE ENTENTE."**THE COMING CONFERENCE.**

Paris, Jan. 2.
The coming conference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the "Little Entente" will possess an unusual importance. M. Benes (Poland) intends to form a union which will base itself on a new foreign political programme in which Poland will occupy a very important role. The relations between the "Little Entente" and the Soviets will be the object of conclusive discussions.—Indopacifi.

Entertainments.**TO-DAY ONLY**

QUEEN'S
REX BEACH'S
GREAT DRAMATIC TREAT
THE GOOSE
WOMAN

TO-DAY ONLY

BUCK JONES

in

The whirlwind sporting drama

**WINNER
TAKE ALL**

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TO-DAY and TO-MORROW

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HOUSE PETERS
in
**THE STORM
BREAKER**

RUEBER SHARES.**LATEST DIVIDENDS.**

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts have received the following cable from their Shanghai office:

3rd interim dividend of Tls. 0.20, making Tls. 0.43 for Dominions.

3rd interim dividend of Tls. 0.25, making Tls. 0.75 for Ziangbes.

2nd interim dividend of Tls. 0.05, making Tls. 0.10 for Talpings.

Having left Singapore at 1 p.m. yesterday, the P. & O. liner Malwa is due here with the Home mails at 7 a.m. on the 8th instant.

The Observatory forecast for to-morrow is as follows:—E-winds, fresh to moderate; generally overcast.

FLAPPER FANNY

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SCIENCE OF SELLING**COLLEGE RUN BY BIG
LONDON STORES.**

A Sewell and Gross young man, A Howell and James young man, A pushing young particle—what's the next article? Waterloo House young man

Patience, Act II. London shop-assistants now have their own free college—those living outside the metropolis can afford for £11.5s. a year—in which to learn the technique and romance of selling.

The training has been arranged by the Incorporated Association of Retail Distributors, in conjunction with the London County Council. It includes the study of merchandise, the history of commerce, accounts, business training, and hygiene.

Personally-conducted visits are arranged to important retail stores, and talks to the students are given by the heads of those stores. Over 200 students were given positions in the stores during the past 12 months.

The scheme is supported by Sir William Burbridge (chairman of Harrods), Sir Sydney Skinner (chairman of John Barker and Co.), Mr. John Lawrie (manager of Whiteley's), Mr. Gordonbridge, and Mr. Percy Best (manager of James Shoobred and Co.).

The classes are carried on at the Westminster Day Continuation School, in Horse-ferry-road.

Six persons were killed and eight seriously injured as the result of a train colliding with charabancs on a level-crossing near Bletchley, on Dec. 8. The charabancs, which were descending the hill, crashed through the closed gates while the train was passing. The charabancs were smashed to atoms. Their occupants were mostly women, returning from a Wesleyan gathering.

Important:

Pending arrangements for THE NEW GRILL.
Meals a la Carte will be served in the Dining
Room in addition to the usual table d'hôte service.

Afternoon Teas (fifty cents) will be served in
Mac's Cafeteria.

After Dinner Dance in Roof Garden 9.15 p.m.
to Midnight.

No charge to Diners in the Hotel, non-diners \$1.

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